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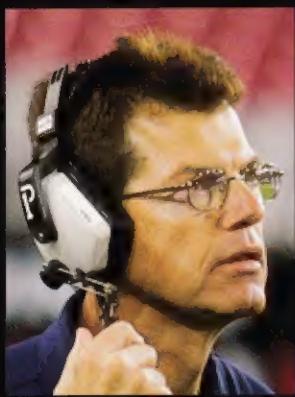
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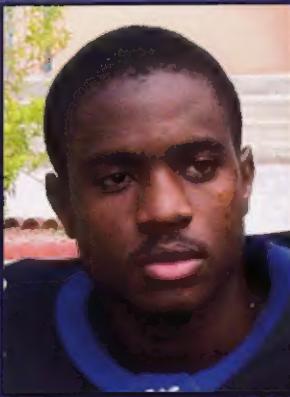
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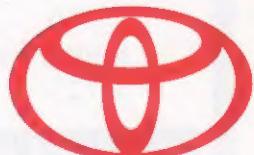
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8/31	Away	Salpointe	7:00pm
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9/14	Bye		
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9-28	Away	Mesquite	7:00pm
10-5	Home	Brophy	7:00pm
10-12	Home	Mountain View(Mesa)	7:00pm
10-19	Away	Desert Vista	7:00pm
10-26	Home	Mountain Pointe	7:00pm
11-02	Away	Corona del Sol	7:00pm (Parent Night)

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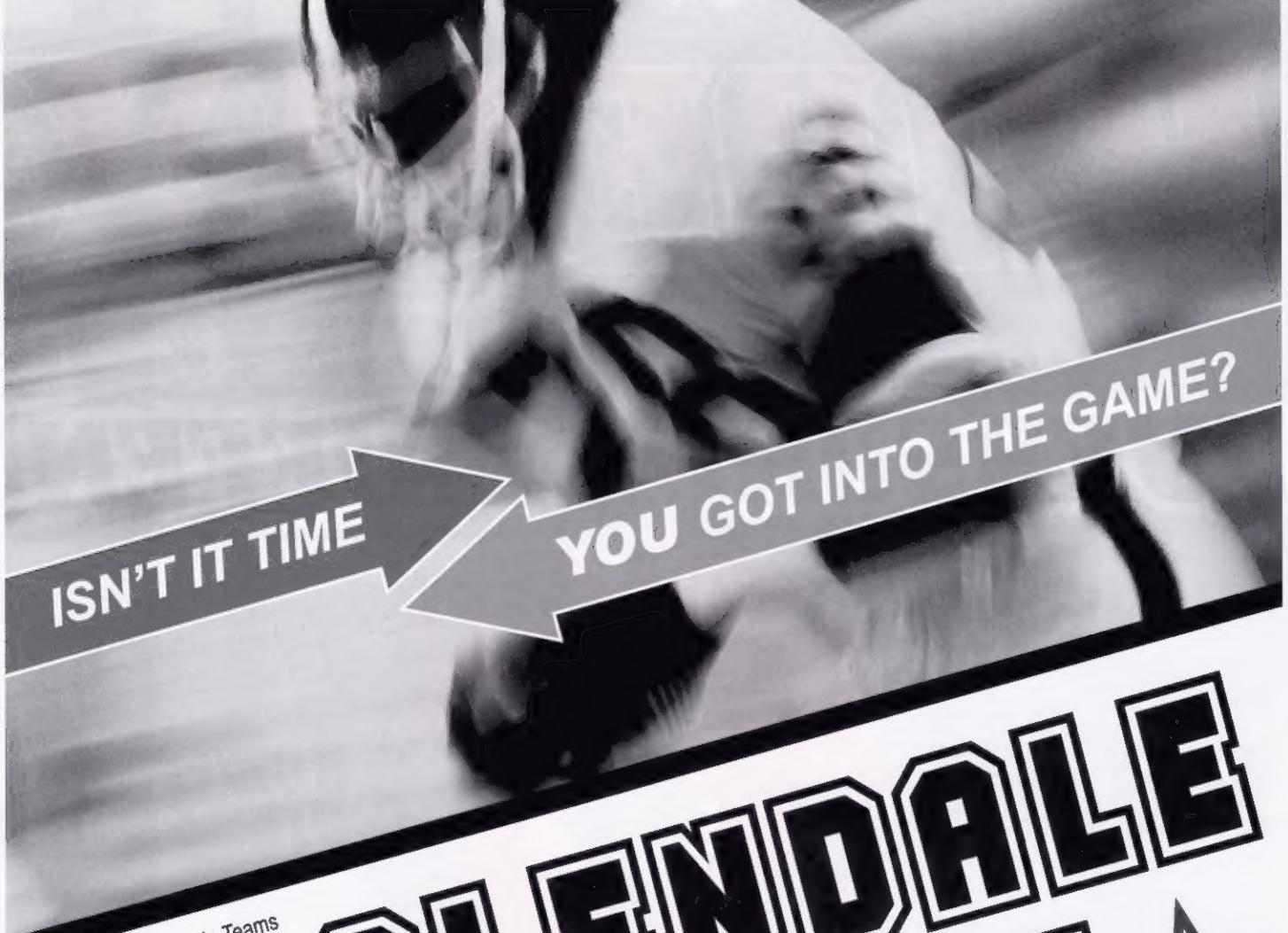
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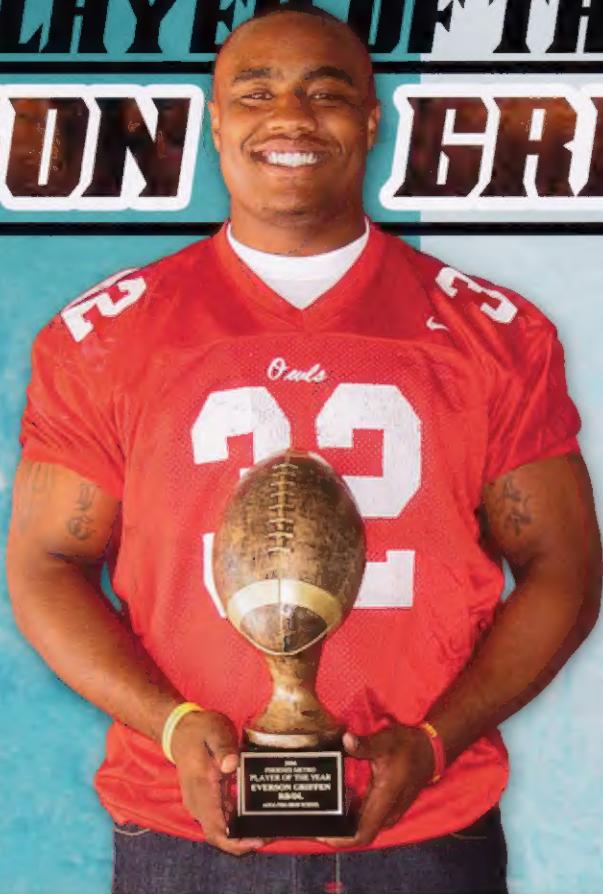
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2006 .. Everson Griffen, Agua Fria, RB/DL
2005 .. Kyle Williams, Chaparral, RB/KR
2004 .. Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley, RB/LB
2003 .. Zach Miller, Desert Vista, TE/LB
2002 .. Marcus Thomas, Tolleson, RB
2001 .. Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope, QB/DB/K
2000 .. Mike Bell, Tolleson, RB
1999 .. Terrell Suggs, Hamilton, RB
1998 .. Bobby Wade, Desert Vista, RB/DB
1997 .. Todd Heap, Mountain View, TE/LB
1996 .. Justin Traplin, Tempe, WR
1995 .. Mike Brown, Saguaro, RB/DB
1994 .. Tavon Cooper, Peoria, RB/KR
1993 .. Paul Shields, Paradise Valley, RB/DB
1992 .. Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep, RB
1991 .. Sam Salts, St. Mary's, WB/DB/K
1990 .. Grady Benton, Mesa, QB

1989 .. Brian Drew, McClintock, RB/RS
1988 .. Mike Salmon, Greenway, WB/DB/K
1987 .. Kevin Galbreath, Maryvale, RB
1986 .. Nathan LaDuke, Alhambra, QB/DB
1985 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, RB/DB
1984 .. Steve Belles, St. Mary's, QB
1983 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, RB/DB
1982 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, RB
1981 .. Frank Rudolph, Coronado, DE
1980 .. Jimmy Williams, Tempe, LB
1979 .. Todd Shell, Mountain View, LB
1978 .. Rory Barnett, Trevor Browne, RB (jr)
1977 .. Mike Pagel, Washington, QB
1976 .. Greg Brady, Coronado, QB
1975 .. Brian Felix, Phoenix Union, RB/DB
1974 .. David Mitchell, St. Mary's (jr)
1973 .. Rob Wilson, Coronado, QB/DB

1972 .. Keith Sobraski, Coronado, DT
1971 .. Fred Mortensen, Tempe, QB
1970 .. Bob Breunig, Alhambra, FB/LB
1969 .. Danny White, Westwood, QB
1968 .. Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, QB
1967 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, FB
1966 .. Bob Soza, Westwood, TB
1965 .. Bill Dunning, Mesa, RB
1964 .. Richard Griffin, Westwood, T
1963 .. Earliest Nelson, South Mountain, RB
1962 .. Everett "Moose" Rollins, Arcadia, RB
1961 .. Andy Livingston, Mesa, RB
1960 .. Ted Lawrence, South Mountain, G
1959 .. Bob Olson, South Mountain, RB
1958 .. Lewis Albright, Scottsdale, RB

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2007 Sun Devils a Real Mystery

Coach Dennis Erickson Takes Over!

By David Kukulski

Who knows how good the Sun Devils will be in 2007?

A new head coach.

Almost a complete turnover in the coaching staff.

A returning quarterback who looked terrific as a freshman but only so-so as a sophomore, although he was injured for part of the year.

A solid group of running backs, but an unproven receiving corps.

An experienced, talented offensive line with very little depth.

A defensive line in transition.

Talent but uncertainty at linebacker. The same in the secondary. Ditto for the kicking game.

Under Dirk Koetter, ASU never seemed to find its way. When Frank Kush was the coach, the Sun Devils were good just about every year. Some years, they were great.

With the likes of Darryl Rogers, John Cooper and Bruce Snyder running the show, the Devils were at least an elite team every once in a while. Under Koetter, ASU wasn't good at all in Pac-10 showdowns. In fact, quite often, they weren't even competitive.

With a title-winning Division 1 coach like Dennis Erickson calling the shots, will Arizona State become a constant contender for the Pac-10 crown? How ASU plays this year should give us some clues.

The key man on offense, once again, figures to be signal caller Rudy Carpenter. Now a 6-2, 199-pound junior, Carpenter led the nation in passing efficiency as a fresh-



Keegan Herring, a former all-stater from Peoria High School, has blistered the opposition for 1,419 yards rushing in his first two years as a Sun Devil (Paynter Pics).

man, throwing for 2,273 yards and 17 scores. Last season, with a very young group of receivers, he finished with 2,523 yards and 23 TDs, while throwing 14 interceptions. His completion percentage dipped from 68% in 2005 to 55% in 2006.

The running game is definitely a strength. Senior Ryan Torain (6-1, 213) was even better than advertised as a junior college transfer. He rushed for a whopping 1,229 yards and seven six-pointers in his first year in Tempe.

And there's quality depth with junior Keegan Herring (5-10, 186) and sophomore Dimitri Nance (5-10, 204). Another JC transfer — soph Jarrell Woods (5-10, 210) — could contribute right away. Herring scampered for 549 yards and six touchdowns in a back-up role last year. Nance played as a true freshman, ran for 229 yards and really began to push for playing time with an outstanding spring practice.

ASU has a bevy of young receivers, but which ones will shine this fall? Both Brandon Smith (6-2, 200) and Kyle Williams (5-10, 185) — a couple of sophomores — appear headed for stardom. Another sophomore — former Moon Valley standout Chris McGaha (6-1, 189) — isn't far behind.

Others expected to grab some passes for the Sun Devils are the always-present Rudy Burgess, junior Mike Jones, junior Nate Kimbrough and converted running back Rodney Glass.

Erickson wants Burgess to close out his collegiate career as a receiver. He has played running back and cornerback for ASU in the past. Jones actually led the Sun Devil wide-outs last year with 20 receptions for 318 yards. Kimbrough is coming back from torn ACL surgery. And Glass won the California state championship in the 100 meters a couple of years ago. He's among the fastest players in all of college football.

There's adequate depth at tight end, but the loss of Zach Miller to the NFL will hurt. He opted to skip his senior year and play for pay on Sundays. His older brother Brent Miller (6-5, 237) inherits the job; he was the starting H-Back last year, snagging 11 aerials for 173 yards. Others to watch include Jovon Williams, Tyrice Thompson, Dane Guthrie, Lance Ebvbuomwan and Brady Conrad. Are any of these guys playmakers?

Up front, the Devils have plenty of size and experience, but not enough proven backup players. Seniors Mike Pollak (6-4, 292), Brandon Rodd (6-4, 303), Zach Krula

2007 SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	.....	San Jose State
Sept. 8	.....	Colorado
Sept. 15	.....	San Diego State
Sept. 22	.....	Oregon State
Sept. 29	.....	at Stanford
Oct. 6	.....	at Washington St.
Oct. 13	.....	Washington
Oct. 27	.....	California
Nov. 3	.....	at Oregon
Nov. 10	.....	at UCLA
Nov. 22	.....	USC
Dec. 1	.....	Arizona

(6-7, 320), Robert Gustavis (6-3, 303) and Julius Orieukwu (6-7, 317) will join forces with junior Paul Fanaika (6-6, 359) and sophomores Richard Tuitu'u (6-4, 350) and Shawn Lauvao (6-3, 307) to open holes for the vaunted ASU running game and provide protection for Carpenter and friends in the passing game.

Defensively, the line lost a couple of starters to graduation. Not only must Erickson replace Jordan Hill and Kyle Caldwell, he has to upgrade this group.

Back and ready to go are returning regulars Dexter Davis (6-4, 247, So.) and Mike Marquardt (6-4, 295, Sr.). JC All-American Luis Vazquez (6-3, 247) is competing with holdover Kellen Mills (6-3, 243) at a defensive end post, while junior David Smith (6-3, 280) might be the game one starter opposite Marquardt at defensive tackle. Who knows if any of the other recruits can move up the depth chart quickly and make a major contribution this fall?

Based on spring practice, the starting backers could be recent Phoenix College recruit Morris Wooten (6-1, 237, Jr.) in the middle and sophomores Ryan McFoy (6-2, 201) and Travis Goethel (6-2, 229) on the outside.

It's likely that a number of players – including Gerald Munns, Mike Nixon, Robert James and Chad Lindsey – will see significant action while the coaches sort out which players can do the job.

In the secondary, Josh Barrett is the pacesetter. This 6-3, 231-pound safety is a terrific player with absolutely unbelievable speed. Justin Tryon (5-10, 180, Sr.) is slated to start



For ASU to have much success this year, junior field general Rudy Carpenter must avoid injuries and be consistent throwing the football (Paynter Pics).

at one corner, while juniors Troy Nolan (6-2, 204) and Jeremy Payton (6-1, 210) will battle for playing time at the other safety slot. The corner position opposite Tryon is unsettled, so it's possible that heralded freshman Omar Bolden (5-11, 200) could be a factor there.

Senior Jonathan Johnson averaged 41.5 yards per punt last year and he's back. However, a talented but unproven freshman, Thomas Weber, is the new placekicker.

Just about anything could happen this year. I think the Devils could finish anywhere from third to eighth in the Pac-10.



Safety Josh Barrett, back for his senior campaign, figures to be a high NFL pick in the months ahead (Paynter Pics).

2007 SUN DEVIL RECRUITS

QB	Samson Szakacsy	6-4, 200, Fr	Camarillo, CA
QB	Chasen Stangel	6-2, 190, Fr	San Jacinto, CA
RB	Jarrell Woods	5-10, 210, So	Los Angeles, CA
WR	Kerry Taylor	6-0, 175, Fr	Chandler, AZ
WR	T.J. Simpson	6-2, 185, Fr	Peoria, AZ
TE	Dan Knapp	6-5, 230, Fr	Reno, NV
OL	Garth Gerhart	6-2, 300, Fr	Norco, CA
OL	Adam Tello	6-4, 290, Fr	Norco, CA
OL	Po'u Palelei	6-5, 335, Fr	Las Vegas, NV
OL	Mike Marcisz	6-6, 295, Fr	Livermore, CA
OL	Matt Hustad	6-5, 260, Fr	Helena, MT
DL	Luis Vasquez	6-3, 247, Jr	Yuma, AZ
DL	Eric Tanner	6-2, 245, Jr	Phoenix, AZ
DL	Paul Unga	6-3, 260, Jr	Walnut, CA
DL	Jonathan English	6-0, 330, Fr	River Ridge, LA
DL	Bo Moos	6-2, 296, Fr	Eugene, OR
DL	James Brooks	6-6, 260, Fr	Flagstaff, AZ
LB	Morris Wooten	6-1, 237, Jr	Glendale, AZ
LB	Derrall Anderson	6-3, 200, Fr	Seffner, FL
DB	Jarrell Holman	6-1, 190, Jr	Phoenix, AZ
DB	Omar Bolden	5-11, 200, Fr	Ontario, CA
DB	Colin Parker	6-1, 205, Fr	Chandler, AZ
DB	Oliver Aaron	6-2, 205, Fr	Gainesville, FL
DB	Jonathan Clark	6-1, 185, Fr	Arlington, TX

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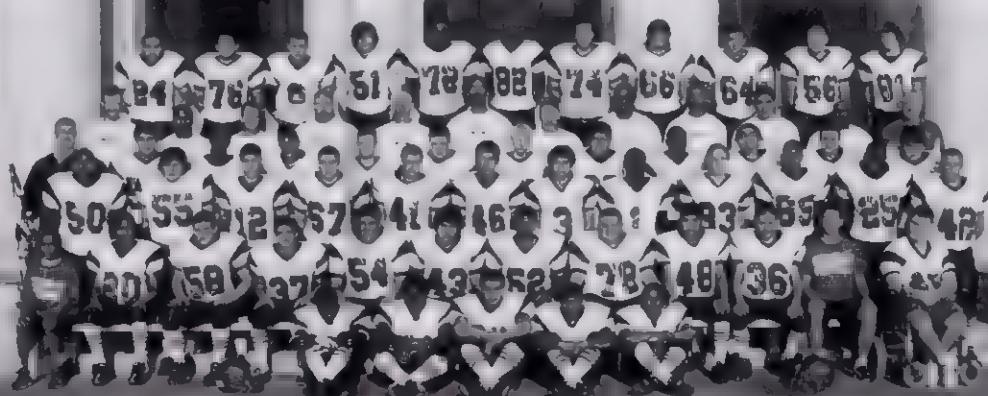
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Centennial's Jarrell Barbour is a standout at both wide receiver and defensive back for the Coyotes (Paynter's Pics).

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 QBScott Burgett, Centennial, 6-2, 211, Sr.
 QBSean Renfree, Notre Dame Prep, 6-3, 200, Sr.
 QBGerell Robinson, Hamilton, 6-5, 220, Sr.
 RBMike Brown, Cactus, 5-10, 193, Jr.
 RBBrian Conley, Westview, 5-9, 175, Sr.
 RBCovaughn DeBoskie, Hamilton, 6-0, 192, Sr.

RBHarrison Evans, Marcos de Niza, 5-11, 185, Sr.
 RBSteven Jackson, Chandler, 5-10, 200, Sr.
 RBMike Liggins, Camelback, 5-7, 180, Sr.
 RBRay Polk, Brophy Prep, 6-1, 190, Sr.
 WRJarrell Barbour, Centennial, 6-1, 185, Sr.
 WRLuke Mathews, Desert Vista, 6-2, 200, Sr.
 TESteven Figueroa, Desert Vista, 6-5, 235, Sr.
 TEDion Jordan, Chandler, 6-6, 215, Sr.
 LKenny Barnes, Raymond Kellis, 6-2, 220, Sr.
 LDerek Bisgard, Saguaro, 6-1, 240, Sr.
 LLouis Crespo, Apache Junction, 6-3, 280, Sr.
 LClint Gladden, Buckeye, 6-4, 220, Sr.
 LDavid Hakes, Mountain View, 6-4, 225, Sr.
 LPatrick Jamison, Hamilton, 6-5, 275, Sr.
 LDevon Kennard, Desert Vista, 6-3, 240, Jr.
 LChris Merrill, Saguaro, 6-1, 260, Sr.
 LGuy Reynolds, Westview, 6-3, 315, Sr.
 LZach Schlink, Centennial, 6-5, 290, Sr.
 LTyrell Shivers, Maryvale, 6-2, 260, Sr.
 LIan Spencer, Queen Creek, 6-5, 277, Sr.
 LTrevor Stapp, Corona del Sol, 6-3, 240, Sr.
 LZeb Togiai, Desert Vista, 6-3, 255, Sr.
 LBDavid Blair, McClintock, 6-2, 225, Sr.
 LBBrenin Brooks, Greenway, 6-0, 198, Sr.
 LBKurt Mangum, Chandler, 6-2, 225, Sr.
 LBJon McDonald, Seton Catholic, 6-1, 220, Sr.
 DBMarc Anthony, Chandler, 6-1, 185, Sr.
 DBAllante Battle, Desert Vista, 5-9, 175, Sr.
 DBMike Cummings, Chaparral, 6-1, 195, Sr.
 DBQuinn Evans, Basha, 5-11, 175, Sr.
 DBJeff Hughes, Centennial, 5-11, 190, Sr.
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 Scott Burgett, Centennial, 6-2, 211, Sr.
 Cash Clemans, Florence, 5-10, 155, Sr.
 Jeff Decker, Sunrise Mountain, 5-10, 175, Sr.
 Jason Fairfield, Fountain Hills, 6-3, 190, Sr.
 Rudy Figueroa, Hayden, 5-9, 170, Sr.
 Jacob Franz, NW Christian, 6-0, 175, Sr.
 Jeremy Fuhst, Highland, 6-3, 185, Sr.
 Tyler Glessing, Coronado, 5-11, 160, Sr.
 Troy Graham, Basha, 6-5, 210, Sr.
 Ridge Halenar, Payson, 5-11, 190, Jr.
 Dan Hildebrand, Arcadia, 6-0, 185, Sr.
 Evan Johnson, Pinnacle, 6-1, 190, Sr.
 Randy Kluczniak, Ironwood, 5-11, 185, Sr.
 Jacob Krause, Valley Lutheran, 6-3, 190, Sr.
 Brandon Large, Westwood, 6-2, 185, Sr.
 Albert Lizarraga, Westview, 5-9, 165, Sr.
 Corey Martin, Estrella Foothills, 6-0, 178, Sr.
 Jeff Matney, Scottsdale Christian, 5-9, 190, Jr.
 Andre Moore, Millennium, 6-2, 195, Sr.
 James Mueller, Arizona Lutheran, 6-0, 170, Jr.
 Grant O'Brien, Paradise Valley, 6-0, 185, Sr.
 Joey Pierz, Moon Valley, 5-11, 180, Sr.
 Cole Pembroke, Desert Vista, 6-1, 200, Jr.
 Taylor Perkins, Red Mountain, 6-1, 180, Sr.
 Chris Randall, Miami, 6-0, 175, Sr.
 Shawn Renfree, Notre Dame, 6-3, 200, Sr.
 Tim Ruben, Saguaro, 6-0, 175, Sr.
 Gerell Robinson, Hamilton, 6-5, 220, Sr.
 Steven Sasso, Valley Christian, 6-2, 175, Jr.
 Naje Singelton, Phoenix Christian, 6-0, 190, Jr.
 Vinnie Spano, Peoria, 6-1, 190, Jr.
 Blake Schembri, Chaparral, 5-9, 190, Sr.
 Drew Vaughan, Wickenburg, 5-11, 175, Sr.
 David Viel, Marcos de Niza, 5-10, 180, Sr.
 Michael Vyles, Bourgade, 5-10, 165, Sr.
 Chris Womack, Thunderbird, 6-2, 180, Sr.
 Kevin Yost, Mountain Ridge, 6-0, 180, Jr.

RUNNING BACKS

Larry Andersen, Florence, 5-9, 170, Sr.
 Mike Brown, Cactus, 5-10, 193, Jr.
 Jordan Burmeiser, AZ Lutheran, 6-2, 185, Sr.
 Beau Burton, Saguaro, 5-10, 190, Jr.
 Bobby Calvin, Phoenix Christian, 5-11, 190, So.
 Pat Carn, Santa Cruz, 6-1, 190, Sr.
 Levi Carter, Prescott, 6-1, 225, Sr.
 Brian Conley, Westview, 5-9, 175, Sr.
 Jeremiah Cornist, La Joya, 5-9, 150, Jr.
 Chad Cullen, Arcadia, 6-0, 190, Sr.
 Rashad David, Copper Canyon, 6-0, 185, Sr.
 Covaughn DeBoskie, Hamilton, 6-0, 192, Sr.
 Dominique Dennis, Copper Cyn., 5-10, 175, Sr.
 Paul Dodson, North Canyon, 6-1, 190, Jr.
 Harrison Evans, Marcos de Niza, 5-11, 185, Sr.
 Patrick Foley, Notre Dame, 6-0, 175, Sr.
 David Ford, Estrella Foothills, 5-10, 162, Sr.
 Richard Garcia, Shadow Mountain, 6-1, 190, Sr.
 Tito Gonzales, Higley, 6-2, 195, Sr.
 Ed Gonzalez, Gila Bend, 5-10, 165, Sr.
 Georgio Giurdanella, Mt. Ridge, 5-9, 170, Sr.
 JR Hamm, Corona del Sol, 5-8, 185, Sr.
 Travis Huff, Coronado, 5-7, 155, Sr.
 Ra'Shad Huggins, Basha, 5-11, 185, Sr.
 Brad Jackson, Coolidge, 5-11, 210, Sr.
 Steven Jackson, Chandler, 5-10, 200, Sr.

RUNNING BACKS (cont)

Davis Jacobs, Boulder Creek, Sr.
 Nathan Jeffery, Hamilton, 5-10, 190, Sr.
 Jarison Johnson, Red Mountain, 5-11, 180, Sr.
 Jarron Johnson, Cesar Chavez, 5-10, 180, Sr.
 Keelan Johnson, Mesa, 6-0, 195, Sr.
 Isiah Key, Trevor Browne, 5-8, 170, Jr.
 Mike Liggins, Camelback, 5-7, 180, Sr.
 Joseph Lopez, Hayden, 5-10, 190, Sr.
 Mike Madrid, Highland, 6-1, 235, Sr.
 Treven Massie, North, 5-9, 215, Jr.
 Shane McCullen, Apache Junction, 6-1, 195, Jr.
 Tyrese McGruder, Glendale, 5-8, 165, Sr.
 Elijah McPherson, Skyline, 5-10, 190, Sr.
 Jamal Miles, Peoria, 5-11, 170, Jr.
 C.J. Morgan, Goldwater, 5-9, 235, Sr.
 Matt Peterson, Chaparral, 5-10, 210, Sr.
 James Phillips, San Carlos, 5-9, 210, Sr.
 Ray Polk, Brophy Prep, 6-1, 190, Sr.
 Ben Pigg, Bradshaw Mountain, 5-10, 176, Sr.
 Tomorris Reese, Raymond Kellis, 5-9, 185, Sr.
 Jeff Rhone, Alhambra, 5-10, 170, Sr.
 Troy Roffi, Valley Christian, 6-1, 195, Sr.
 Cam Roland, Miami, 6-2, 180, Sr.
 Robert Rossfeld, Fountain Hills, 6-0, 185, Jr.
 Ezra Sanchez, Peoria, 5-9, 175, Sr.
 B.J. Scott, Willow Canyon, 5-8, 175, Jr.
 Lukas Scott, Mesquite, 5-8, 200, Sr.
 Chris Shipp, Prescott, 5-8, 185, Sr.
 Kelly Shortridge, Scottsdale Chr., 5-9, 200, Sr.
 Ben Smith, Mountain Pointe, 5-9, 190, Sr.
 Andrew Stutz, Notre Dame, 5-11, 180, Sr.
 Jake Swisher, Mesa Mt. View, 5-10, 205, Sr.
 Bobby Tomas, Goldwater, 5-9, 200, Sr.
 Ryan Tully, Scottsdale Christian, 6-1, 200, Sr.
 Corey Vaughn, Seton Catholic, 5-9, 175, Sr.
 Michael Waddle, Tempe, 5-9, 175, Sr.
 Brady Wager, Globe, 6-0, 180, Jr.
 Aaron Want, Mayer, 5-9, 155, Jr.
 Marquese Wheaton, Mt. Pointe, 5-10, 170, Sr.
 Freeland Wilson, Glendale, 5-8, 165, Sr.
 Tod Workman, Queen Creek, 5-11, 175, Sr.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Bryce Albertsman, Skyline, 6-3, 190, Sr.
 Jarrell Barbour, Centennial, 6-1, 185, Sr.
 Jason Barkac, Marcos de Niza, 6-2, 210, Sr.
 Eric Benson, Corona del Sol, 6-3, 185, Sr.
 Alfred Bowden, Deer Valley, 5-10, 185, Sr.
 Skyler Branch, Prescott, 6-0, 180, Sr.
 Jeremiah Brown, Valley Vista, 5-10, 165, Jr.
 Deveron Carr, Chaparral, 5-11, 185, Sr.
 Carl Curtis, Desert Ridge, 5-11, 178, Sr.
 Ben Cox, Greenway, 6-3, 175, Sr.
 Carroll David, Arcadia, 6-1, 170, Jr.
 Anthony Duran, Gilbert, 5-11, 175, Sr.
 Keifer Fields, Tolleson, 6-2, 170, Sr.
 Ben Fontes, Valley Lutheran, 6-3, 175, Jr.
 Nick Gleisner, Seton Catholic, 6-3, 180, Sr.
 Chris Heldorff, Desert Ridge, 5-10, 180, Jr.
 Brandon Hirneise, Notre Dame, 6-1, 180, Sr.
 James Hollins, St. Mary's, 6-2, 185, Sr.
 Derek Holme, Ironwood, 6-1, 185, Sr.
 Dylan Jones, Highland, 6-0, 195, Sr.
 Garrett Lee, Goldwater, 5-11, 195, Sr.
 Cody Lenhart, Ironwood, 6-0, 180, Sr.
 Justin Livingstone, Apollo, 6-0, 175, Sr.
 Franky Lynch, Buckeye, 6-0, 165, Sr.

WIDE RECEIVERS (cont)

Ebo Makinde, Paradise Valley, 6-0, 170, Jr.
 Malcolm Martin, McClintock, 5-11, 185, Sr.
 Andy Martinez, Florence, 5-9, 165, Sr.
 Luke Matthews, Desert Vista, 6-2, 200, Sr.
 Chris McFaull, Paradise Valley, 6-2, 175, Sr.
 Luke Miller, Chaparral, 6-0, 175, Sr.
 Daniel Miranda, Valley Vista, 5-8, 165, Jr.
 Adam Mossbrucker, NW Christian, 6-2, 170, Jr.
 Fabrice Nolen, Mesquite, 6-3, 190, Sr.
 Derek Oesterblad, Chaparral, 5-10, 175, Sr.
 Dylan Peralta, North, 5-6, 150, Jr.
 Colten Phillips, Globe, 6-0, 175, Sr.
 Louis Rodriguez, Gila Bend, 6-0, 175, Sr.
 Michael Sanders, Raymond Kellis, 6-2, 190, Sr.
 Paul Wells, Wickenburg, 6-1, 170, Sr.
 Markus Wheaton, Mt. Pointe, 5-11, 160, Jr.
 Archie Woulard, Chandler, 6-3, 185, Sr.
 Bruce Yeo, Cactus, 6-0, 203, Sr.
 Max Zemezonak, Pinnacle, 5-10, 180, Sr.

TIGHT ENDS

Allon Anderson, South Mountain, 6-3, 205, Sr.
 Robert Chung, Moon Valley, 6-3, 220, Sr.
 Curtis Davis, Alhambra, 6-4, 220, Sr.
 Gianni DelaCruz, North Canyon, 6-1, 220, Sr.
 Jeff Dwyer, Peoria, 6-1, 210, Sr.
 Nick Dwyer, Valley Christian, 6-8, 270, Sr.
 Steven Figueroa, Desert Vista, 6-5, 235, Sr.
 Dion Jordan, Chandler, 6-6, 215, Sr.
 Ethan Hageness, Phx Christian, 6-2, 190, Jr.
 Manny Hernandez, Copper Cyn., 6-0, 200, Sr.
 Jim Hubick, Fountain Hills, 6-0, 205, Sr.
 Sean Jarvis, Arcadia, 6-5, 210, Sr.
 Billy Jenson, Goldwater, 6-3, 240, Sr.
 Justin Jones, Willow Canyon, 6-2, 225, Sr.
 Trevor Kohl, Mesquite, 6-3, 235, Sr.
 Alika Lemon, Orme, 6-5, 185, So.
 Jeremy Loya, Apache Junction, 6-2, 215, Sr.
 Coleman McArthur, Buckeye, 6-0-220, Sr.
 Justin McElroy, SD O'Connor, 6-1, 185, Jr.
 Cory Myers, Cactus, 6-5, 221, Sr.
 Ben Parker, Westwood, 5-11, 205, Sr.
 Jared Ringer, McClintock, 6-2, 210, Sr.
 Drew Swartz, Gilbert, 6-4, 235, Jr.
 Kory Willis, Deer Valley, 6-2, 215, Sr.

LINEMEN

Corey Adams, Saguaro, 6-3, 275, Jr.
 Sean Alvarado, St. Mary's, 5-8, 230, Sr.
 DeShaun Anderson, Glendale, 5-11, 240, Sr.
 Scott Andrus, Payson, 6-2, 265, Sr.
 Ivan Ballit, Higley, 5-11, 250, Sr.
 Bryan Barberena, Prescott, 6-0, 200, Sr.
 Kenny Barnes, Raymond Kellis, 6-2, 220, Sr.
 Matt Baxter, Desert Edge, 6-4, 240, Jr.
 Manny Bejarano, Globe, 6-0, 205, Jr.
 Diego Bencomo, Independence, 5-10, 200, Sr.
 Michael Beton, San Carlos, 5-11, 240, Sr.
 Derek Bisgard, Saguaro, 6-1, 240, Sr.
 Jon Black, Higley, 6-4, 280, Sr.
 Ian Blazek, Agua Fria, 5-11, 190, Sr.
 Kellen Brookover, Buckeye, 6-4, 250, Sr.
 Tony Brummel, Cactus, 6-3, 263, Sr.
 Jordan Bryan, Greenway, 6-1, 205, Sr.
 Matt Buehler, Bradshaw Mt., 6-1, 220, Sr.
 Wyatt Cahill, Corona del Sol, 6-3, 220, Sr.
 Devin Caufman, Estrella Foothills, 6-0, 282, Sr.

LINEMEN (cont)

General Collins, Central, 6-0, 185, Jr.
Sean Collins, Independence, 6-2, 245, Sr.
Louis Crespo, Apache Junction, 6-3, 280, Sr.
Blake Crissman, Wickenburg, 6-2, 225, Jr.
Jim Crowell, Scottsdale Christian, 6-2, 260, Sr.
Dayne Darden, Tempe, 5-10, 240, Sr.
Chris Davey, Tolleson, 6-1, 210, Sr.
Zach Dishmon, Bourgade, 6-2, 245, Sr.
Victor Dominguez, Millennium, 6-0, 205, Sr.
Brandon Edwards, Boulder Creek, 5-9, 190, Sr.
Alejandro Figueroa, Hayden, 5-10, 180, Sr.
Pasiaka Fahina, Mesa, 6-0, 262, Jr.
Johnathon Fontes, Basha, 6-4, 285, Sr.
Apollo Ford, Cactus, 6-1, 227, Jr.
Dustin Freitag, Greenway, 6-2, 235, Sr.
Javier Garcia, Alhambra, 6-4, 275, Sr.
Ruben Garcia, Apollo, 5-10, 285, Sr.
Beau Gardner, Gilbert, 6-0, 205, Sr.
Miguel Cazares, Santa Cruz, 6-1, 250, Sr.
Aaron Gibson, Desert Ridge, 6-1, 275, Sr.
Clay Gillespie, Coolidge, 6-2, 220, Jr.
Clint Gladden, Buckeye, 6-4, 220, Sr.
Diego Gonzalez, Trevor Browne, 6-3, 280, Sr.
Gage Gorman, Mountain Pointe, 6-3, 255, Sr.
Julian Gradhoff, Orme, 6-3, 235, Sr.
Michael Greer, Marcos de Niza, 6-3, 300, Sr.
Anthony Greiner, Copper Canyon, 6-0, 210, Sr.
David Hakes, Mesa Mt. View, 6-4, 225, Sr.
Wyn Henderson, Coolidge, 5-10, 220, Sr.
Manny Hernandez, North, 5-10, 250, Sr.
Donald Horvath, Tempe, 5-11, 280, Jr.
Patrick Jamison, Hamilton, 6-5, 275, Sr.
Joe Kellogg, Saguaro, 6-2, 290, Sr.
Devon Kennard, Desert Vista, 6-3, 240, Jr.
Aaron Kleinpeter, Red Mountain, 6-2, 200, Sr.
Buddy Koozer, Mesa Mt. View, 6-2, 218, Sr.
John Kredit, Valley Christian, 6-6, 270, Sr.
Alex Johnson, North Canyon, 6-1, 220, Jr.
Jon Langdon, Mayer, 6-2, 230, Sr.
Orlando Lara, Apollo, 6-1, 295, Sr.
Taylor Lewan, Cactus Shadows, 6-6, 250, Jr.
Preston Linser, NW Christian, 6-3, 240, Sr.
Chris Manship, Cactus Shadows, 6-4, 230, Sr.
Aaron Marsh, Wickenburg, 6-3, 190, Sr.
John May, Goldwater, 6-2, 255, Sr.
Caleb McGee, Ironwood, 6-3, 240, Jr.
Jeb Melcher, Miami, 5-10, 210, Jr.
Andrew Mendez, Glendale, 5-11, 225, Sr.
Chris Merrill, Saguaro, 6-1, 260, Sr.
Travis Muller, Desert Edge, 6-3, 270, Sr.
Paul Munoz, South Mountain, 6-3, 280, Jr.
Brian Mundstock, AZ Lutheran, 6-3, 260, Sr.
Pete Nevarez, Gila Bend, 5-10, 200, Sr.
Taniela Niutei, Mountain Ridge, 6-3, 280, Sr.
Enrique Ortega, McClintock, 6-3, 230, Sr.
Kodi Otero, Basha, 6-4, 235, Sr.
Chris Prosch, Horizon, 6-2, 225, Sr.
Justin Pryce, Independence, 6-5, 295, Sr.
Kyland Resor, Hamilton, 5-11, 240, Sr.
Guy Reynolds, Westview, 6-3, 315, Sr.
Joe Riccio, Horizon, 6-3, 225, Sr.
Nick Sabaye, Paradise Valley, 6-6, 235, Sr.
Stephen Sabin, Basha, 6-4, 275, Sr.
Carlos Saenz, Mesa Mt. View, 5-9, 205, Sr.
Chris Salamastino, Moon Valley, 6-1, 240, Sr.
Zach Schlink, Centennial, 6-5, 290, Sr.
Robert Scroggins, South Mountain, 6-3, 295, Jr.
Anthony Shaw, Peoria, 6-5, 265, Sr.
Tyll Shivers, Maryvale, 6-2, 260, Sr.
Lee Sisk, Horizon, 5-11, 245, Sr.
Adam Smith, Valley Lutheran, 6-1, 195, Sr.
Anthony Smith, Red Mountain, 6-2, 220, Sr.
Ian Spencer, Queen Creek, 6-5, 275, Sr.
Rob Stanford, Horizon, 6-3, 235, Sr.
Trevor Stapp, Corona del Sol, 6-3, 240, Sr.
Keith Strickland, Mesa Mt. View, 5-10, 235, Sr.
Josh Terry, Phoenix Christian, 6-3, 230, Sr.
Fred Thornton, South Mountain, 6-4, 290, Jr.



Offensive Lineman Patrick Jamison of Hamilton (Paynter Pics)

LINEMEN (cont)

Zeb Togiai, Desert Vista, 6-3, 255, Sr.
Brian Tolle, Central, 5-9, 225, Sr.
Jesus Trujillo, Coronado, 6-3, 310, Sr.
Christian Upshaw, La Joya, 6-3, 235, Sr.
Justin Van Horne, Mayer, 5-9, 175, Sr.
Schuyler Waterhouse, Westview, 6-3, 265, Sr.
Cody Watts, Camelback, 6-3, 315, Sr.
Adam Wolf, Valley Lutheran, 5-11, 165, Sr.
Cory Woolery, Centennial, 6-3, 280, Sr.
Alec Wrightman, Cactus Shadows, 6-3, 230, Sr.
Jordan Zarrillaki, Sunrise Mt., 6-4, 275, Sr.
Doug Zismann, Shadow Mountain, 6-3, 270, Jr.

LINEBACKERS

John Akers, Arizona Lutheran, 6-2, 215, Sr.
Joe Alcocer, Bourgade, 6-0, 205, Jr.
Dane Andrews, Cactus Shadows, 5-11, 195, Sr.
Andrew Ashford, Coolidge, 5-11, 180, Sr.
Chase Beatty, Gilbert, 5-0, 200, Sr.
David Blair, McClintock, 6-2, 225, Sr.
Brenin Brooks, Greenway, 6-0, 198, Sr.
Garrett Brown, Valley Christian, 6-0, 190, Sr.
Marcos Bermudez, Skyline, 5-8, 240, Sr.
Demetrius Burnett, Cesar Chavez, 5-10, 180, Jr.
Mike Butzine, Thunderbird, 6-2, 195, Sr.
Anthony Carrasco, Trevor Browne, 6-0, 210, Sr.
Johnny Carrasco, Millennium, 5-10, 200, Sr.
Isaac Chavez, Prescott, 6-1, 215, Sr.
Austin Colman, Miami, 6-0, 190, Jr.
Chad Corley, Sunnyslope, 6-1, 195, Jr.
Gilbert Galindo, Sunrise Mountain, 6-0, 205, Sr.
Beau Gardner, Mesa, 6-4, 230, Sr.
Kevin Gollehar, Bradshaw Mt., 5-10, 180, Sr.
Mike Guerrero, Santa Cruz, 5-11, 190, Sr.
Benino Gurrola, Camelback, 6-0, 230, Sr.
Chuck Hall, Phoenix Christian, 6-0, 200, Sr.
Elliott Harper, Hamilton, 6-2, 225, Sr.
B.J. Hill, Payson, 5-11, 155, Sr.
Kramer Hope, Arcadia, 6-1, 200, Sr.
John Jarvis, Mesa, 6-0, 185, Sr.
Nolan Jeffries, Mesquite, 5-9, 195, Sr.
Ryan Jones, San Carlos, 5-10, 190, Sr.
Yoon Kim, Orme, 6-1, 210, Sr.
Klayton Kristick, St. Mary's, 6-2, 230, Sr.

LINEBACKERS (cont)

Kurt Mangum, Chandler, 6-2, 225, Sr.
Jon McDonald, Seton, 6-1, 220, Sr.
Jesse McGrath, Sunnyslope, 5-11, 190, So.
Tripper Meason, Apache Junction, 5-10, 190, Sr.
Dalton Miller, Estrella Foothills, 6-0, 181, Sr.
Tyler Miller, Buckeye, 6-0, 220, Sr.
Elliott Ness, SD O'Connor, 6-1, 215, Sr.
Ben Ochoa, Westwood, 5-10, 185, Sr.
Roy Perez, Agua Fria, 6-1, 215, Sr.
Matt Rios, North Canyon, 6-1, 230, Sr.
Robert Robbins, SD O'Connor, 6-0, 210, Sr.
Anthony Rodriguez, North, 5-11, 195, Sr.
Adam Shipley, Centennial, 5-11, 200, Sr.
Troy Stewart, Cesar Chavez, 5-10, 190, Sr.
Devin Strong, Fountain Hills, 6-1, 220, Sr.
Justin Strong, North, 5-11, 225, Sr.
Daniel Torres, Willow Canyon, 5-10, 190, Sr.
Brian Wallace, Agua Fria, 6-0, 185, Jr.
Jeremi Williams, Desert Edge, 6-0, 210, Jr.
Alfred Woods, Florence, 6-2, 185, Sr.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Marc Anthony, Chandler, 6-1, 185, Sr.
Kaylin Ashley, Camelback, 5-10, 175, Jr.
Quenton Baker, Marcos de Niza, 5-7, 180, Sr.
Allante Battle, Desert Vista, 5-9, 175, Sr.
Jeron Beaton, Westwood, 5-8, 175, Sr.
Harold Bernard, Chandler, 6-1, 185, Sr.
Zach Brooks, Payson, 6-1, 165, Sr.
Devin Contreras, Boulder Creek, 5-8, 170, Sr.
Bryce Cooper, Deer Valley, 5-11, 185, Sr.
Jon Crist, Pinnacle, 5-11, 175, Sr.
Mike Cummings, Chaparral, 6-1, 195, Sr.
Blaise Deal, Moon Valley, 6-3, 200, Sr.
C.J. Evans, Mesquite, 5-8, 165, Sr.
Quinn Evans, Basha, 5-11, 175, Sr.
Ramon Figueiroa, Hayden, 5-8, 170, Sr.
Austin Foley, Valley Christian, 5-10, 175, Sr.
Tober Francom, Globe, 5-11, 200, Sr.
Jimmy Goad, Deer Valley, 6-3, 190, Sr.
Beau Grado, Sunnyslope, 6-1, 180, Sr.
Kyree Hart, Mesa, 5-8, 170, Sr.
Anthony Hooks, Brophy Prep, 6-1, 165, Sr.
Carlton Hooks, Tolleson, 6-1, 170, Sr.
Jeff Hughes, Centennial, 5-11, 190, Sr.
Tyler Juede, Shadow Mountain, 6-0, 230, Sr.
Alex Jentzen, Higley, 6-0, 175, Sr.
Justin Kilduff, Bradshaw Mt., 5-10, 158, Sr.
Ryan King, Mountain Ridge, 6-2, 194, Sr.
Robbie Kirn, Goldwater, 5-11, 175, Sr.
Ryan Knight, Central, 5-8, 140, Jr.
Keith Knudsen, Prescott, 6-2, 185, Jr.
Drew Maggi, Brophy Prep, 5-11, 175, Sr.
James Morrison, St. Mary's, 5-11, 195, Sr.
Sheldon Murphy, Wickenburg, 5-9, 160, Jr.
Jensen Nevitt, Queen Creek, 6-2, 180, Sr.
Pedro Olvera, La Joya, 6-1, 180, Sr.
Luke O'Sullivan, Mayer, 5-10, 170, Sr.
Phillip Pollock, Cactus, 6-1, 174, Jr.
Bobby Priest, NW Christian, 5-10, 165, Sr.
Tyler Rajec, SD O'Connor, 5-11, 175, Sr.
Derrick Ross, Agua Fria, 5-11, 160, Sr.
Lavaughn Rylon, Thunderbird, 6-2, 185, Sr.
Matt Williams, Cactus Shadows, 5-10, 175, Sr.

KICKERS/PUNTERS

Cody Barber, Coolidge, 6-0, 175, Sr.
Chris Cardner, Notre Dame, 5-9, 160, Sr.
Mike DiGangi, Highland, 6-0, 185, Sr.
Adam Garcia, Westview, 5-11, 150, Sr.
Kyle Jenkins, Mesa Mt. View, 5-7, 145, Sr.
Jeff Locke, Mountain Ridge, 6-1, 192, Sr.
Justin Magdaleno, Bourgade, 5-10, 155, Sr.
Andy Schweikert, St. Mary's, 5-7, 135, Sr.
Jorge Virfias, North, 5-8, 155, Jr.

CITY CO-PLAYERS OF THE YEAR FOR MESA

2006.....Ridge Nielsen, Mountain View, FB/DE	1990.....Gray Benton, Mesa, QB
2006.....Riley Nielsen, Mountain View, QB/DB	1989.....Mark Jorgenson, Westwood, DB
2005.....Brice Wilkins, Westwood, QB	1988.....Lance Smith, Mountain View, RB
2004.....Greg Bird, Red Mountain, TE/LB	1987.....Josh Arnold, Dobson, RB/DB
2003.....Max Hall, Mountain View, QB	1986.....Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, PK
2002.....Jarrett Stradling, Mesa, FB/LB	1985.....Bob Davis, Mountain View, LB
2001.....Mike Green, Red Mountain, LB	1984.....Pat Schabel, Westwood, WR
2000.....Steve Walker, Red Mountain, RB/LB	1983.....Paul Kasprzyk, Mountain View, RB
1999.....John Beck, Mountain View, QB	1982.....Keith Moody, Mountain View, T
1998.....Bristol Olomua, Red Mountain, RB/LB	1981.....Brian Denton, Mesa, T
1997.....Todd Heap, Mountain View, TE	1980.....Kevin Van Norman, Mountain View, DB
1996.....Cody Price, Westwood, LB	1979.....Todd Shell, Mountain View, LB
1995.....Tom Pace, Mesa, QB	1978.....Keith Miller, Mountain View, WR
1994.....Matt Griffith, Mesa, NG	1977.....Ron Sowers, Mountain View, T
1993.....Mikel Moreno, Mesa, QB	1976.....Fred Freeman, Westwood, T
1992.....Brandon Thomas, Westwood, WR	1975.....Darrel LeSuer, Mesa, LB
1991.....Mike Cook, Mountain View, WR/DB/K	

Athletes from Dobson, Mesa, Mountain View, Red Mountain, Skyline and Westwood are eligible for this award.

**2006 Mesa Co-
Players of the Year**
Riley (left) and
Ridge Nielsen are
pictured with
Mountain View
Head Coach
Tom Joseph.



Selection made by the Phoenix Metro Football Magazine editorial staff.

Hamilton, Chandler Ranked 1-2! Brophy, Mt. View, Desert Vista Next

For years, the city of Mesa dominated "big school" football in the state of Arizona. In fact, 12 of the 17 5A champions from 1986-2002 hailed from Mesa. Mountain View alone captured titles in 1986, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1999 and 2002.

But the 2006 campaign certainly signaled a change. Chandler's three high schools – Basha, Chandler and Hamilton – all advanced to the state semifinals, a truly remarkable achievement. And Hamilton topped Mountain View, 34-15, in the 5A-1 finale.

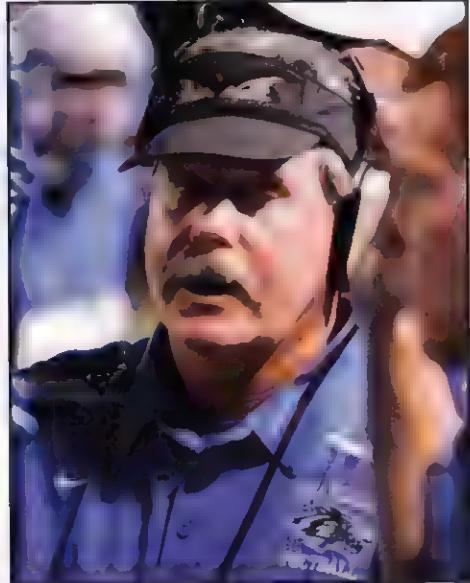
So is this a bump in the road or has a shift in power taken place? Maybe the 2007 season will help answer that question.

Without a doubt, HAMILTON is now Arizona's premiere 5A-1 football program. First under the guidance of John Wrenn and now with Steve Belles at the helm, the Huskies are title contenders every year. Hamilton has played in the large classification championship game five of the last six years, winning three state crowns.

Watch for more of the same from the Huskies in '07, with 41 lettermen back from last year's 13-1 unit. Headliners figure to be Covaughn DeBoskie, Gerell Robinson and Patrick Jamison.

DeBoskie, a 6-0, 192-pound running back-cornerback, is being heavily recruited by most major college powers. He ran for 1,300 yards last year and, provided he stays healthy, should be absolutely stunning as a senior. He has 4.43 speed in the 40.

Robinson, who made a verbal commit-



Hamilton's Steve Belles (left) and Chandler's Jim Ewan will coach two of Arizona's best teams in 2007 (Paynter Pics).

ment to the University of Arizona last spring, is another remarkable player. At 6-5 and 220 pounds, he'll set up shop at quarterback and free safety. Watch for Robinson to make plenty of big plays for Belles and the Huskies.

Jamison (6-5, 275) anchors the Hamilton offensive line from his tackle position. He has good speed and will team with fellow seniors Kyland Resor (5-11, 240), Jason Meyer (6-2, 220) and Chris Veto (6-0, 200) to

open holes for DeBoskie and provide protection for Robinson.

Belles welcomes back a total of 10 starters and has quality help on the way from last fall's undefeated (9-0) junior varsity.

Other Huskies to keep your eye on are LB Elliott Harper (6-2, 225, Sr.), LB Zack Moore (5-10, 185, Sr.), FB Nathan Jeffery (5-10, 190, Sr.), SS/LB Rueben Robinson (6-3, 215, Jr.), WB/CB Andrew Terrell (5-11, 180,

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Phoenix Metro 5A-1 Top 15

1) Hamilton Huskies	Defending 5A-1 State Champs
2) Chandler Wolves.....	Could Be Ewan's Best Team So Far
3) Brophy Prep Broncos	Back in the Championship Mix
4) Mesa Mountain View Toros.....	Joseph Rebuilding and Reloading
5) Desert Vista Thunder	Dangerous, Dangerous Team
6) Basha Bears.....	On the Verge of Reaching Elite Status
7) Red Mountain Lions.....	40 Lettermen Return for Coach Jim Jones
8) Gilbert Tigers	Young Signal Callers Take Over
9) St. Mary's Knights	James Morrison a Quality Team Leader
10) Corona del Sol Aztecs.....	19 Veterans Back from 7-4 Club
11) North Canyon Rattlers	Ready for 5A-1 Play?
12) Mountain Pointe Pride	Solid Nucleus on Hand for Abbadessa
13) Mesa Jackrabbits	Kelley Moore New Head Coach
14) Mountain Ridge Mountain Lions	Looking to Move Up
15) Highland Hawks	Madrid Makes Plays as RB/LB

Jr.), LB Anthony Jones (6-1, 200, Jr.), QB/WB J.P. Peters (5-10, 190, Sr.), WR Michael Williams (6-0, 175, Sr.), WR Celeve DeBoskie (6-0, 170, Jr.), LB/SS Matt Helm (6-0, 190, Jr.) and RB Dante Alexander (5-11, 205, Jr.).

There's certainly no shortage of talent at CHANDLER either. Veteran Coach Jim Ewan has the Wolves playing like champions. He'll miss Cameron Jordan, a talented two-way lineman who has moved on to the University of California.

But another Jordan is back. Senior TE/WR Dion Jordan (6-6, 215) returns and should be one of the better receivers in the state. As a junior, he grabbed 54 passes for 804 yards and 13 scores in 2006. He possesses 4.5 speed. We thought so much of his game-by-game production that we named Dion Jordan our 2006 State Underclassman of the Year (see page 24AZ).

In fact, Chandler's skill-position players are outstanding. The quarterback should be senior Payton Lacivita (6-1, 170), who will be handing the ball to running backs Harold Bernard (6-1, 185, Sr.), Steven Jackson (5-10, 200, Sr.) and Bryce Lamb (6-1, 185, Jr.). Seniors Archie Woulard (6-3, 185) and Michael Dunn (5-11, 165) will flash their speed at the wideouts, while Bernard and honors candidates Marc Anthony (6-1, 185, Sr.) and Lee Peyton (5-8, 165, Sr.) will roam the secondary.

A key transfer is Kurt Mangum, a 6-2, 225-pounder. He'll see two-way duty at fullback and linebacker and should be good on both sides of the football.

Linemen Chandler Walker (5-11, 175), Sam Forni (6-0, 215), Alex Arndt (5-11, 200), Jose Perez (6-1, 225) and Gabe Haro (5-7, 240) will have a lot to say about Chandler's fortunes this year. All but Forni are seniors. The linebacking corps features Matt Ichrist (5-8, 180, Sr.) and Austin Johnson (5-9, 185, Sr.). Peyton could also see time at one of the backer posts.

The kicking chores will be handled by senior Romas Farfan (6-1, 170) and junior Sam White (5-11, 180).

This is a big year for the Wolves. Can they follow up last year's 11-2 finish with another trip to the state semifinals or better? We think they can and they will!

BROPHY PREP could be back in the finals again in 2007. After all, in his two years at Brophy, Coach Scooter Molander has guided the Broncos to 22 wins in 26 outings and a state title in 2005. Thirty-five letterwinners are back in uniform from last year's 9-3 squad and the graduates from an

undefeated 2006 junior varsity (8-0-1) are raring to go.

"Mr. Everything" tailback Ray Polk could be the best player in Arizona this year. He's 6-1 and 190 pounds with 4.4 speed. He began the 2006 campaign in the Bronco secondary, but an injury to the starting running back gave him an opportunity to carry the pigskin. And he was on his way – 1,423 yards and 21 TDs.

Now he's a big-time college prospect at tailback, although he'll still spend some time at cornerback for Coach Molander this season.

The Broncos, for the third straight season, will have Bryan Berens at quarterback. This 6-2, 210-pound senior has been a big part of Brophy's recent success. He should have a terrific senior year. Senior FS/QB Drew Maggi (5-11, 175) is another highly-skilled Bronco. He'll work with Polk and standout CB Anthony Hooks (6-1, 165) in the defensive backfield.

Other defensive stalwarts are DT Billy Sanders (6-3, 235), DE Trenton Murphy (6-5, 220) and LB Mathew Padilla (5-9, 195).

Senior tackle Hank Mackey (6-2, 220) is the leader in the offensive line, while Sean Lieb (6-1, 190, Sr.) and Nick Nudo (5-11, 165, Sr.) pace the receiving corps.

Coach Tom Joseph will field another contender at **MOUNTAIN VIEW**. His 2007 club returns a great bunch of linemen, most notably senior OT David Hakes (6-4, 225). Altogether, 35 letterwinners are available from last year's 12-2 team. And a fine group of young players move up from an undefeated JV.



Bryan Berens is now in his third year at quarterback for the Brophy Prep Broncos. With Berens at quarterback and Ray Polk at running back, Brophy will vie for state honors in 2007.

Hakes will get plenty of help in the trenches from DT Buddy Koozer (6-2, 218), C/DT Keith Strickland (5-10, 235), OG Carlos Saenz (5-9, 205) and DE Jake Swisher (5-10, 205) – all seniors.

Swisher will also see time at running back. The kicking chores will be ably handled by senior Kyle Jennings (5-7, 145). Replacing the Nielsen twins (see page 16) won't be easy, but the Toros are never without talent and depth.

Don't be surprised if Coach Dan Hinds and his squad at **DESERT VISTA** make a big move this year. Allante Battle, Luke Matthews, Steven Figueroa, Zeb Togiai and Devon Kennard lead a solid band of 26 lettermen back for another run at the title. The Thunder finished with seven wins in 11 contests last year.

Battle might be the fastest player in Arizona prep football this year. He's 5-9 and 175 pounds with reported 4.36 speed. A star on the track this spring, he'll line up at wide receiver and defensive back for Desert Vista.

Matthews (6-2, 200) is also very quick and will contribute at wide receiver and free safety. TE Figueroa (6-5, 235) and DL Zeb Togiai (6-3, 255) are early commits to ASU. Kennard, a 6-3, 240-pound junior, is a rising star at running back and defensive end.

Junior Cole Pembroke (6-1, 200, Jr.) figures to start at quarterback and Conner Wilson (5-10, 245, Jr.) is a two-way standout on the line. Plenty of firepower for the Thunder.

BASHA improved to 11-3 in 2006, a real breakthrough season for the Bears. Watch for more of the same this fall.

Coach Tim McBurney has 24 lettermen returning, although that group includes just four starters. Seniors Stephen Sabin (6-4, 275), Johnathon Fontes (6-4, 285) and Eric Herzick (6-2, 250) are returning regulars in the trenches. Another plus for the Bears is the availability of an experienced quarterback to run the offense. That would be senior Troy Graham, a 6-5, 210-pounder.

Carrying the pigskin will be seniors Quinn Evans (5-11, 175), Ra'Shad Huggins (5-11, 185), Kenny Vella (5-8, 175), Dusty Rush (5-8, 165), Chris Turas (5-6, 165) and junior AJ Williams (6-0, 195). Each of these players will also set up shop in the secondary and Evans has a chance to be one of the best defensive backs in Arizona in 2007.

Other notables include WR/FS Bo Mathewson (6-3, 205, Sr.), OG/FB Brian Rheault (5-11, 2005, Sr.), WR/DB Patrick Delgado (5-11, 185, Sr.), TE/LB Ryan McBurney (6-2, 195, Sr.), WR/DB Zack Alger (6-0, 175, Sr.), OG/DE Brandon Cobb (6-2, 205, Sr.) and OT/DT Trevor Bingham (6-3, 265, Sr.).

In his three-year tenure at Basha, McBurney's teams have won 25 of 35 contests. Not bad at all for a new school. And that winning percentage should look even better after the 2007 campaign.

Fourteen starters and a total of 40 letter-



Corona del Sol's Trevor Stapp (left) and JR Hamm will be team leaders in '07.

men are back in uniform for Coach Jim Jones at **RED MOUNTAIN**. If they play to their potential, this could be a great year for Mountain Lions.

This year's edition of Red Mountain football should feature RB Jarison Johnson (5-11, 180), QB Taylor Perkins (6-1, 180), DL Anthony Smith (6-2, 220), DL Aaron Kleinpeter (6-2, 200), RB/DB Kolten Molina (5-10, 185), WR/DB Jimmy Sanchez (5-10, 180) and OL Colten Sinsabaugh (6-2, 230). All are twelfth-graders. This is a quick bunch, with Johnson and Molina possessing 4.6 speed. Even a couple of stalwarts from the defensive front – Smith and Kleinpeter – are in the 4.7 range.

The linebacking corps is paced by seniors Randy Service (6-0, 190), Nathan Acosta (5-10, 180) and Austin Mapes (5-11, 175). Colten Porter (6-0, 195) and Johnny Cuba (6-0, 230) are key contributors in the offensive line, while Sean Parsons (6-0, 200, Sr.) and Nathan Sare (5-10, 190, Sr.) are physical ball carriers. Topping last season's 7-4 record won't be easy, but Jones and company are certainly capable.

Gone is **GILBERT** QB Kyle Newhall-Caballero, a talented field general who put together some fantastic performances for the Tigers in 2006. In his place are a couple of juniors competing for playing time. Both Sean Miller (5-11, 175) and Kieran Turner (5-10, 170) are good players, but it's more than likely that the Gilbert offense will need time to mature this season.

A number of established skill-position performers should make the transition easier. That list includes TE/DL Drew Swartz (6-4, 235, Jr.), SE Anthony Duran (5-11, 175, Sr.), FB/LB Chase Beatty (5-10, 200, Sr.), TE/DL Justin Rutledge (6-3, 215, Sr.), TE/DE Tucker Schayler (6-2, 215, Sr.), FB/LB Trey Fulton (5-11, 205, Jr.), RB/DB Paul Perry (5-8, 170, Sr.), RB/DB Jeremy Mendoza (5-10, 170), SS/WR Steve Cavazos (6-0, 190), RB/DB Anthony McDaniel (5-8, 160) and WR/DB Justin Hyde (5-10, 160).

Swartz might be the best of the bunch. Beatty is a three-year starter. Duran, Perry and McDaniel are the quickest, each possessing 4.5 speed.

Coach Jesse Parker is relying on OG/DL Beau Gardner (6-0, 205) and OL/DL Cameron Gibson (6-2, 215) to produce in the lines. Altogether, 19 letterwinners are back

from a unit that won five of 11 games in 2006.

Two-way standout James Morrison (5-11, 195) leads a formidable group of 23 letterwinners back for Coach Pat Farrell at **ST. MARY'S**. Morrison, a top-notch performer at halfback on offense and in the secondary on defense, has 4.6 speed.

Senior classmates TE/DE Klayton Kristick (6-2, 230), WB/LB James Hollins (6-2, 185), K Andy Schweikert (5-7, 135), OG/DT Sean Alvarado (5-8, 230), SE/DB Darius Mole (6-0, 185) and RB/DB Josh Hart (5-10, 160) are expected to play big roles in the Knights' fortunes this year.

Farell has a remarkable 230-81-2 record at St. Mary's in his brilliant career. His 27th campaign promises to be another good one.

Seniors Trevor Stapp (6-3, 240) and JR Hamm (5-8, 185) are first-class returnees for Coach Gary Venturo at **CORONA DEL SOL**. Altogether, 19 Aztec lettermen are back and raring to go. Last year's club ended up 7-4.

For their part, Stapp plays center and defensive lineman. Hamm works at running back and defensive back.

Venturo is anticipating solid efforts from the following players: REC/DB Eric Benson (6-3, 185, Sr.), OL/DL Wyatt Cahill (6-3, 220, Sr.), REC/DB Elijah Chaing (5-10, 165, Sr.), REC/DB Lucas Starkey (6-0, 175, Sr.), FB/LB Kyle Schmella (5-10, 190, Sr.), QB/DB Nick Aldini (6-3, 180, Sr.), TE/LB Joey Kamper (6-3, 210, Sr.), OL/DL Josh Arviso (6-0, 200, Sr.), OL/DL Austin Cartwright (5-11, 220, Sr.), OL/DL Joe Pike (6-2, 240, Sr.), REC/DB Ryan Joseph (5-10, 175, Sr.), REC/DB Alex Tripp (5-10, 175, Sr.), OL/DL Tyler Giannonatti (6-0, 200, Jr.), TE/DL Luke Macchiaroli (6-2, 200, Jr.), RB/LB Evan Althiede (5-10, 185, Jr.), QB/DB Jon Pellant (5-9, 180, Jr.) and K/REC/DB Trevor Allen (5-10, 160, So.).

"We will be very young and may take our lumps early," says **NORTH CANYON** head mentor Brian Cole. "Hopefully, we'll be playing well towards the end of the season."

Not only are the Rattlers fighting through some experience issues, they're moving up to 5A-1 competition. They have been outstanding the last two years, winning 23 of 26 games and a state title in the 5A-2 ranks.

Coach Brian Cole welcomes back 15 lettermen – but only five returning regulars – from his 9-3 outfit of a year ago. The best of the bunch figures to be bruisers like OL/LB Matt Rios (6-1, 230, Sr.), TE/DE Giani DelaCruz (6-1, 220, Sr.), OL/DL Sam Wilson (5-10, 225, Sr.), OL/DL Mike Goodlow (6-3, 270, Sr.) and OL/LB Demetri Katsofis (6-1, 210, Jr.).

Skill-position players of note are RB/DB Paul Dodson (6-1, 190), FB/DE Alex Johnson (6-1, 220) and REC/DB Rick Spinell (5-11, 175) – all juniors.

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We Salute
**THE CITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR
FOR PEORIA**



Centennial's Tom Ramsey was the
2006 recipient of the award.

ATHLETES FROM THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD:
CACTUS, CENTENNIAL, IRONWOOD, LIBERTY, PEORIA,
RAYMOND KELLS AND SUNRISE MOUNTAIN.

ALL ARE MEMBERS OF THE PEORIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Selection Made By the Editorial Staff of the Phoenix Metro Football Magazine.

Centennial Tops in 5A-2

Marcos de Niza, Westview Challenge



Two of Centennial's returning stars – QB Scott Burgett (12) and OL Zack Schlink (75) – are featured on this play in the 5A-2 title game against Tucson Sunnyside (Paynter Pics).

Every year we send out a questionnaire to the varsity football coaches in the Phoenix Metro area, asking for information about their team for the upcoming season. And we also want to know what opposing squads should fare well.

That's how we put our rankings together. Well, this year in the 5A-2 classification, establishing a Preseason No. 1 team is very simple. The CENTENNIAL Coyotes, coming off their first football state championship season in school history, are the nearly unanimous choice of the coaches to win the title again. And why not?

Let's start with Coach Richard Taylor, our 2006 Arizona Coach of the Year (see page 1AZ). The veteran coach guided his Coyotes to a perfect 14-0 record last time out; he now sports a classy 100-54-3 mark in his 15 years at Centennial.

Of course, it doesn't hurt to have at least four Division 1 prospects scattered among 29 returning lettermen. Some youngsters from last year's 7-2 JV will also see playing time.

But the leaders should be QB Scott Burgett (6-2, 211), WR/CB/KR Jarrell Barbour (6-1, 185), TB/CB Jeff Hughes (5-11, 190) and OL Zack Schlink (6-5, 290) – all seniors.

Burgett won all-region honors last year, throwing for 2,000 yards and 27 touchdowns with only four interceptions.

"Barbour is the most gifted player on our team," says Taylor. He's a big-time prospect as both a wideout and defensive back.

Hughes was also an all-region pick on offense, running for 1,700 yards and 25 scores. On defense, he was a first-team all-stater.

Finally, Schlink also won all-region and all-state laurels. He already has scholarship offers and is interested in the likes of Arizona State, Arizona, Michigan, California, Oklahoma, Stanford and Colorado.

Joining Schlink in the trenches are OL Cory Woolery (6-3, 280, Sr.), OG Matt Aguirre (5-10, 230, Sr.), C Seth Leake (6-2, 225, Sr.), OL/DL Brian Gabbard (6-4, 225, Jr.), DL Juan Ramos (5-11, 250, Jr.), DE Jimmie Lewis (6-0, 200, Jr.) and DE Josh Bell (6-0, 215, Jr.).

Linebackers Adam Shipley (5-11, 200, Sr.), Jordan Rooks (6-0, 215, Sr.) and Reggie Umuolo (6-0, 205, Jr.) have ability and experience.

Rounding out the list of returning veterans are TB/SS John Hughes (5-9, 180, Jr.), S Zach Hawley (6-0, 170, Sr.) and WR Jerrell Peterson (6-3, 173, Sr.).

Centennial is loaded!

Coach Roy Lopez and his MARCOS DE NIZA Padres should contend in 2007. Twenty-six lettermen return from a squad that wound up 6-7. The Padres had a so-so regular season, but put together a nice playoff run, beating Ironwood and North Canyon, before falling to Sunnyside in the state semifinals.

The best MDN returnee is Harrison Evans, a valuable two-way performer at running back and defensive back. This 5-11, 185-pound senior has 4.44 speed and posted good enough numbers as a junior (1,352 yards rushing on

160 carries, 10 touchdowns) to win our Tempe Player of the Year award (see page 32). He also was named the Central Region Offensive Player of the Year.

Evens will have plenty of help. QB/DB David Viel (5-10, 180, Sr.) completed 80 of 156 attempts last year for 1,117 yards and 10 six-pointers. Another senior signal caller – Marlo Moreno (5-11, 185) – was 44 of 75 for 862 yards and seven scores in limited duty. The primary receiver should be senior Jason Barkac (6-2, 210), who also plays defensive end and serves as the Padres' punter. Senior Quenton Baker (5-7, 180) sees two-way duty at running back and strong safety. Wide receivers Drew Morris (6-2, 200, Sr.), David Pender (6-3, 200, Sr.) and Kenny McCallister (6-1, 175, Sr.), as well as running back Aaron Jones (5-9, 175, Sr.) will also make their presence felt.

Big Michael Greer (6-3, 300, Sr.) is a stalwart in the trenches, flanked by the likes of Shawnik Torres (6-0, 270, Sr.) and Casey Malaney (5-8, 170, Jr.).

Other anticipated starters are WR/DB Arenso Scribber (6-0, 180, Sr.), DT/FB Ben Swanson (5-10, 200, Sr.), RB/DB Donald Richardson (5-7, 170, Sr.), DB/RB Jimmy Mamane (5-10, 185, Sr.), WR/DB Alex Jasso (5-10, 180, Sr.), DB Anthony Rose (6-2, 180, Jr.), LB Kakalee Pule (6-0, 220, Jr.) and FB Edwin Traylor (5-10, 215, Jr.).



Harrison Evans is a terrific talent for Coach Roy Lopez at Marcos de Niza (Allison Adam photo).

Watch for WR Donavan Henley (5-8, 170), DB Brett Thompson (6-1, 180), OG Ronnie Gomez (6-0, 205), WR Matt Deisler (6-0, 175), K Reid Smith (5-18, 180), K/DB Aric Adair (6-0, 190), LB Remon Abreu (6-0, 180), LB Aaron Dixon (6-0, 190) and WR Justin Rodriguez (6-1, 180) – all underclassmen – to also contribute in a big way.

Things are rolling at **WESTVIEW**, where 20 lettermen return from last year's 7-5 club and graduates from an excellent 8-1 JV are suiting up for varsity duty.

Coach Jeff Bowen and his Knights start with one of the better linemen in the state; that's senior C/DT Guy Reynolds, a 6-3, 315-pound force. Bowen reports that Reynolds has had 108 pancakes at center the past two seasons and has achieved all-state status on defense. He has plenty of help on the line. Senior OG/DT Schuyler Waterhouse (6-3, 265), junior OG/DT Vine Shatenell (6-1, 250), junior OG/LB Victor Carrasco (5-10, 231), senior OL/DT Travolis Perkins (5-11, 240) and junior OT/DT John Higle (6-2, 230) will give opponents fits this year.

And there are some gamebreakers! Senior RB/CB Brian Conley (5-9, 175) grabbed Offensive Player of the Year honors in the Desert West Region last season. He used his 4.5 speed to register 1,441 yards rushing and 17 touchdowns as a junior. He had over 2,000 yards of total offense for the Knights in 2006.

Senior QB/FS Albert Lizarraga (5-9, 165) passed for 865 yards and ran for 388 yards last fall, producing a total of 12 scores. All-region kicker Adam Garcia hit 47 of 48 PATs and was five for eight on field goal attempts, with a long of 46 yards.

WLB Fernando Trevino (5-9, 205, Sr.) had 105 tackles in 2006, while RB/CB Reggie Nicholson (5-9, 185, Sr.) scampered for over 900 yards and 11 six-pointers rushing last season.

Adding to Westview's remarkable depth are TE/OLB Raymond Ortega (6-0, 205, Sr.), RB/OLB Daniel Gomez (5-10, 175, Jr.), OLB Jay Nelsen (5-9, 160, Sr.), REC/OLB Richard Craven (6-0, 180, Sr.), TE/DE Vince Keener (6-4, 220, Jr.), MLB Kevin Gunn (5-11, 205, Jr.) and RB/DB R.J. Robinson (5-6, 145, Jr.).

HORIZON could certainly be a factor in the 5A-2 title chase this year. Coach Steve Casey's Huskies are moving down from the 5A-1 wars, where they were a consistent playoff qualifier. Casey welcomes back 17 lettermen, including eight starters, from a solid 7-5 2006 outfit.

The standout group of linemen return, headed by seniors Joe Riccio (6-3, 225), Lee Sisk (5-11, 245), Rob Stanford (6-3, 235), Chris Prosch (6-2, 225), Wil Wamsley (6-1, 220) and Danny Thielen (6-2, 270).

Experienced skill-position players aren't as plentiful, but RB/LB JD Souder (5-11, 210, Jr.), RB/LB Adam Schoenfelder (5-10, 205, Sr.) and RB/OLB Brian Wright (6-0, 185, Sr.) will play key roles.

IRONWOOD lost some dynamite players from their 7-4 playoff team of a year ago. DE William Yancy and WR Eric Hagg have moved onto the University of Nebraska, while PK Alex Zendejas is on his way to the University of Arizona.

Still, the Eagles are highly respected by fellow coaches. Senior QB Randy Kluczniak (5-11,



Westview's Guy Reynolds, a lineman with tremendous size and strength who earned all-state honors as a junior.

185) returns; he passed for over 600 yards and six touchdowns in 2006. He also played on defense at a linebacker post.

With Hagg and Leonard Jackson gone, seniors Cody Lenhart (6-0, 180) and Derek Holme (6-1, 185) should serve as primary targets in the passing game. Junior Caleb McGee (6-3, 240) is a two-way standout in the lines.

A trio of big offensive linemen – Fred Thornton (6-4, 290), Paul Munoz (6-3, 280) and Robert Scroggins (6-3, 295) – are mainstays for **SOUTH MOUNTAIN**. All three are just eleventh-graders.

Coach George De La Torre has eight offensive and 10 defensive starters returning, so it could be a year to remember for the Jaguars (5-6 last year).

The linebacking group looks good, thanks to the presence of Daniel Dominguez (5-10, 210, Sr.), Alex Nodora (5-11, 210, Sr.), Aaron Hardwick (5-11, 190, Jr.), Joe Lamar (5-10, 170, Jr.), Bernard Reynolds (6-0, 200, Sr.) and Ivan Worley (6-0, 190, Sr.). Standouts in the secondary should be Clint Wheaton (5-9, 175, Sr.), Anthony Sanders (5-10, 170, Jr.), Dominique Fuqua (6-0, 175, Jr.) and Jerel Ladell (5-8, 150, Sr.).

De La Torre also expects big things from QB David Watts (6-0, 170, Jr.), WR Maurice Trotter (6-0, 170, Jr.), TE/DE Allon Anderson (6-3, 205, Sr.) and DE Sammie Rucker (5-10, 180, Sr.).

Back for his second year at **TOLLESON** is Head Coach Rich Wellbrock and the Wolverines could be in for a good year.

Although they didn't quite reach .500 last year (5-7 on the season), Wellbrock has a promising unit of 24 letterwinners ready to go.

The best of the 2007 Wolverines should be WR/FS Keifer Fields (6-2, 170), OL/DL Kris Davey (6-1, 210), WR/DB Carlton Hooks (6-1, 170), QB/DB Daniel Flores (5-9, 165), TE/DE Antonio Tarver (6-1, 205), QB/DB Darnell Woods (6-2, 170), RB Eric Saenz (5-9, 165), RB/LB Tim Hullaby (5-11, 215), FB/DT Warren Fernandez (5-9, 200) and OL/DL Jules Henry (6-6, 280).

All are seniors except Woods and Saenz. Both Fields and Saenz have 4.5 speed. The JV didn't have much success last year (2-6-1), but Tolleson should be much improved this time out.

Todd Williamson takes over a program at **CENTRAL** that struggled for years, but had a fine (10-2) campaign in 2007. Just six regulars return from that unit, but the Bobcats could be playoff-bound once again. Members of last year's 7-3 JV should help fill in the gaps.

Tiny Ryan Knight (5-8, 140, Jr.) is a key performer at free safety and wide receiver. He'll receive assistance from SS/WR Rashard Lewis (6-1, 190, Jr.), CB/KR DeMarcus Henderson (5-10, 185, Sr.) and CB/FS David Acosta (5-9, 190, Sr.) in the secondary. The primary backer is senior William Flowers, a 6-1, 210-pounder with 4.6 speed. He's also the fullback when the Bobcats have the ball.

Calling the signals will be senior Jared Steele, a capable 5-10, 180-pounder. Junior General Collins (6-0, 185) and senior Cody Van Horne (6-2, 230) are proven two-way players at tight end and defensive end. Seniors Brian Tolle (5-9, 225) and Tony Aguilar (6-2, 215) are other weapons along the defensive front.

With 26 varsity veterans back from a 4-6 outfit last year, Coach Dylan Winemiller is raring to go at **NORTH**. There's talent and depth at the skill positions and linebacker seems to be an area of strength.

The running game features junior Treven Masse (5-9, 215), senior Job Dennis (5-8, 175) and sophomore Antwan Pete (5-6, 150). Senior Quentin Purry (6-3, 190) should be the starter at quarterback.

Looking for receivers? There's WR Dylan Peralta (5-6, 150, Jr.), TE Steven Monteith (6-2, 215, Jr.) and WR Adam Mendoza (6-0, 180, Jr.).

Masse and Mendoza will join the likes of Justin Strong (5-11, 225, Sr.) and Anthony Rodriguez (5-11, 195, Sr.) at the backer posts. Big Manny Rodriguez (5-10, 250, Sr.) is the pacesetter in both lines, while K Jorge Virflas (5-8, 155, Jr.) leads the special teams.

DEER VALLEY could be a sleeper in 2007. After all, the Skyhawks return 21 lettermen from a steady 6-4 varsity of a year ago. And the undefeated JV (9-0) obviously has some good players who are now ready to contribute for Coach Sven Christianson.

The top returning veterans include REC/DB Alfred Bowden (5-10, 185, Sr.), RB/DB Bryce Cooper (5-11, 185, Sr.), REC/DB Jimmy Goad (6-3, 190, Sr.), TE/DE Kory Willis (6-2, 215, Sr.) and QB/LB Dante Sellers (6-1, 210, Sr.).

The big guys up front are seniors Ron Mallory (6-7, 265), Gabe Montano (5-11, 230) and junior Greg Nerger (6-0, 210). Juniors Johnny Morrison (5-9, 185) and Jumanne Robertson (5-10, 165) are both quick and will challenge for playing time at running back.

First-year head mentor Ed Cook inherits a respectable squad at **BARRY GOLDWATER**. Fourteen returning starters are slated for duty as the Bulldogs attempt to best last season's 6-6 ledger.

Cook is looking to 10 seniors to be team leaders. They are OT John May (6-2, 255), RB Bobby Tomas (5-9, 200), FB C.J. Morgan (5-9, 235), WB/LB Garrett Lee (5-11, 195), TE/DE Billy Jenson (6-3, 240), QB/FS Robby Kirm (5-

Phoenix Metro 5A-2 Top 15

- 1) **Centennial Coyotes** Looks Like Two in a Row for Coach Taylor
- 2) **Marcos de Niza Padres** Evens and Friends Eye the Big Prize
- 3) **Westview Knights** One of Arizona's Best in This Classification
- 4) **Horizon Huskies** Destined to be a 5A-2 Power?
- 5) **Ironwood Eagles** Probably Third Best in Desert West Region
- 6) **South Mountain Jaguars** De La Torre and Crew Ready for 2007
- 7) **Tolleson Wolverines** Wellbrook Looking for Winning Season
- 8) **Central Bobcats** 10-2 Last Year
- 9) **North Mustangs** 26 Letterwinners On Hand
- 10) **Deer Valley Skyhawks** Should This Team Be Ranked Higher?
- 11) **Barry Goldwater Bulldogs** Senior-Dominated Club
- 12) **Pinnacle Pioneers** 18 Starters Return
- 13) **Camelback Spartans** Liggins, Ashley Playmakers at RB
- 14) **Desert Ridge Jaguars** Powerful Passing Attack Last Year
- 15) **Willow Canyon Wildcats** Up from the 4A-1 Ranks

11, 175), OG/DT Luis Salomon (6-0, 235), C/DE Seth Rappold (5-10, 210), WR Bryan Bohen (5-10, 160) and RB/FS Aaron Thomas (5-10, 175).

The good news for PINNACLE is Coach Dana Zupke has 31 lettermen back. The bad news is the Pioneers finished with a 4-7 record last year and now they've moved up to play at the 5A-2 level.

Zupke has put together a solid 24-18 record in his four years at Pinnacle, so maybe his guys can get the job done.

He's not hurting for options at running back or wide receiver. Senior QB Evan Johnson (6-1, 190) can hand the ball off to Jake Gibson (5-10, 185, Sr.), Taylor Stib (5-10, 185, Jr.), John Jones (5-10, 195, Sr.) or Kevin Jaramillo (5-8, 165, Sr.). He can throw it to WR Max Zemezonak (5-10, 180, Sr.), WR Jon Crist (5-11, 175, Sr.) or TE Mike Glock (6-3, 180, Sr.).

And the Pioneers have good size in the trenches, with performers like seniors Zack Lofton (6-3, 215, Sr.), Dereck Raymond (6-3, 275), Danny Troup (6-1, 250) and junior Fred Herdman (6-3, 245).

Whether or not Pinnacle is a legitimate contender in the 5A-2 ranks remains to be seen.

Speedy Mike Liggins (5-7, 180) and big Cody Watts (6-3, 315) – both seniors – are big-time players for Coach Daryl Phillips at CAMELBACK. Liggins gained 1,700 yards rushing last year and has 4.5 speed, while Watts anchors the offensive line.

Derek Wesley (6-2, 270, Sr.), Greg Gurrola (6-1, 220, Jr.) and Xavier Martinez (5-11, 275, Sr.) work with Watts in the trenches. Junior Kaylin Ashley (5-10, 175) is a two-threat at running back and defensive back.

Defensive stoppers include DE Benino Gurrola (6-0, 230, Sr.), LB Noah Blackburn (6-0, 185, Sr.) and LB Marco Ayon (5-9, 181, Sr.). The Spartans should do better than last year's 3-7 mark; after all, 23 lettermen – including 16 starters – are back in the fold.

The Jaguars of DESERT RIDGE threw for over 3,000 yards last year, completing 63% of their passes. That carried them to a 4-6 record and the playoffs before a loss to Sunnyside

concluded their 2006 campaign. As a sophomore in this system, RB/REC Chris Heldore (5-10, 180) snared an eye-popping 62 passes.

He's back for more, along with senior REC Carl Curtis (5-11, 178), who tallied 29 receptions last fall.

"We look to return to the playoffs," says Head Coach Jeremy Hathcock. "However, we are very young and inexperienced and we have one of the toughest schedules in 5A-2."

Transfer Chris Jamison could be a factor. The line has good talent and experience, thanks to C Aaron Gibson (6-1, 275), OT Austin Maleskie (6-3, 245), OG/DT Tali Sali (6-1, 235 and DT Nick Duncan (6-1, 282).

There's a good group at linebacker led by Michael Cota (6-0, 210), Tyler Donald (5-11, 220) and Tony Gonzalez (6-0, 180). The leader in the secondary should be safety Ben Amerson (6-1, 198).

Still, much of the Jaguar success depends on Josh Cain, a 5-11, 181-pound quarterback who has looked good in backup duty, but now must run that heralded Desert Ridge offensive attack.

WILLOW CANYON, with Mike Hudnutt running the show, is rounding into shape. The young Wildcats finished 4-7 last year, gaining invaluable experience for 25 lettermen returning in 2007.

Coach Hudnutt knows his guys will have to mature and improve, since moving up from 4A-1 to 5A-2 won't be easy.

His prime-time players are RB/DB BJ Scott (5-8, 175, Jr.), TE/DE Justin Jones (6-2, 225, Sr.), FB/LB Daniel Torres (5-10, 190, Sr.), OL/LB Micah Henige (5-10, 225, Sr.), WR/DB Justin Weber (5-10, 170, Sr.), FB/LB Cody Taylor (5-10, 170, Sr.), OL/DE Gilbert Linares (6-0, 220, Sr.), OL/DT Joey Tucker (5-11, 225, Sr.), QB/FS Trey Clarida (6-1, 180, Jr.) and RB/LB Collin Stoffel (5-11, 215, Jr.).

Coach Mike Waters is on the right track at LA JOYA, where the Fighting Lobos are heading into their third year of varsity competition. They went 2-8 in 2005 and 4-6 in 2006.

If La Joya is to post a winning mark in 2007, watch for S/RB Pedro Olvera (6-1, 180, Sr.),

RB/CB Jeremiah Cornist (5-9, 150, Jr.), DL Christian Upshaw (6-3, 235, Sr.), OT Mitchell Clayton (6-3, 240, Sr.) and FB/LB Brandon Thomas (5-11, 190, Sr.) to lead the way.

Altogether, 14 lettermen – including 10 starters – are back in uniform for Coach Waters.

Head Coach Will Babb had a tough time at SUNRISE MOUNTAIN last season. The Mustangs showed just two wins against eight losses in 2006, so they're looking to turn things around this time out.

Twenty-two lettermen return, headed by QB Jeff Decker (5-10, 175, Sr.), OL/DL Jordan Zarrillaki (6-4, 275, Sr.), LB/QB Gilbert Galindo (6-0, 205, Sr.), DB/RB Danny Lange (5-10, 170, Sr.), RB Alex Weathers (5-8, 175, Sr.) and WR/DB Woody Nisbett (5-9, 160, Sr.). Decker, Lange, Weathers and Nisbett all have 4.6 speed or better.

Others to watch include OL Kyle Kwand (6-1, 250, Jr.), OL/DL Brandon Sedio (6-1, 255, Sr.), OL/DL Ryan Johnson (6-4, 260, Sr.), TE/DE Josh Saloiz (6-0, 210, Sr.), K/LB Roman Fernandez (6-0, 185, Sr.) and DB Jimmy Kerr (5-9, 160, Jr.).

BOULDER CREEK also posted a 2-8 mark last year. Coach Dan Friedman welcomes back 20 lettermen from that squad, including returning starters like offensive linemen Brandon Edwards (5-9, 190), Eric Eddy (5-11, 195) and Steve Quinonez (6-0, 230) – all seniors.

The skill positions are well-stocked with RB/DB Davis Jacobs (5-8, 170, Sr.), RB/LB Devin Contreras (5-8, 170, Sr.), QB/DB Colin Hulse (6-2, 175, Jr.), QB/DB Chris Russell (6-2, 170, Sr.) and TE/LB Kris Sexton (5-10, 175, Sr.).

Friedman expects additional support from underclassmen like RB/LB Alyc Rideout (5-11, 190), QB/DB Taylor Davis (6-2, 165), RB/LB Josh Adams (5-9, 190), WB/DB Jordan Winton (6-1, 170) and REC/DL DeShawn Briggs (6-3, 205).

Coach Peter Jonovich is heading into his seventh year at the helm for SKYLINE. Bryce Albertsman, a wide receiver and defensive back, leads 15 lettermen back into play for the 2007 Coyotes. Albertsman is a 6-3, 190-pound senior with 4.7 speed. Speedsters Elijah McPherson (5-10, 190, Sr.), Tim Brown (6-1, 190, Jr.) and Damari Lewis (5-10, 160, Jr.) will carry the pigskin most of the time for Skyline.

Mainstays up front are C Marros Bermudez (5-8, 240, Sr.), OG/LB Luis Kolonics (5-11, 180, Sr.), OL Matthew Sigman (6-0, 200, Sr.), OL Kyle Schmidt (5-10, 210, Sr.) and DE Lance Hyer (6-1, 180, Jr.).

DB Matt Ditsworth (5-11, 170, Jr.) and K Jared Smith (6-1, 180, Jr.) will also contribute.

Establishing a football program isn't easy. Breaking into play at the 5A-2 level can be brutal. Such is the task for Coach Jason Wilke at VALLEY VISTA, a new school in Surprise. The Monsoon begin their first year of varsity competition with no senior class.

However, Wilke is counting on WR/DB Jeremiah Brown (5-10, 165, Jr.), WR/DB Daniel Miranda (5-8, 165, Jr.), RB/LB Kyle Rowland (5-9, 175), OL/DL Elian Griego (6-1, 235, Jr.), TE/DE Anthony Palumbo (6-1, 210, Jr.), QB/LB Aaron Siebert (5-10, 170, So.), RB/DB Isaiah Steele (5-9, 165, So.) and OL/DL Kyle Lillie (6-0, 210, So.) to be team leaders.

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1994 ... JOHN CLAYTON, HORIZON, RB
1993 ... RANDY HAKES, ARCADIA, TE LB
1992 ... ROO BAIR, CORONADO, FB
1991 ... RANDY HAYES, SCOTTSDALE, WR
1990 ... RANDY HAYES, SCOTTSDALE, WR
1989 ... PAUL FICHIERA, CORONADO, RB (JR)
1988 ... KELVIN HARRIS, CHAPARRAL, DB
1988 ... ALVIN HARRIS, CHAPARRAL, RB
1987 ... TONY WERSTLER, SAGUARO, DB
1986 ... JOHN BOYER, CORONADO, FB LB
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1984 ... STEVE ROSHOLT, ARCADIA, RB
1983 ... DAVE SCHILLING, CORONADO, RB
1982 ... LEE BISHOP, CHAPARRAL, RB
1981 ... TIM MCINNIS, CORONADO, TE
1981 ... FRANK RUDOLPH, CORONADO, DE
1980 ... RANDY HAYES, SCOTTSDALE, WR
1979 ... JEFFREY BROWN, CHAPARRAL, DB
1978 ... KELVIN HARRIS, CHAPARRAL, DB (JR)
1977 ... JEFFREY BROWN, CHAPARRAL, FB LB
1976 ... GREG BRADY, CORONADO, DB
1975 ... BOB PITRE, ARCADIA, DB
1974 ... RICK MCCLELLAND, SAGUARO, FB LB
1973 ... ROB WILSON, CORONADO, QB DB
1972 ... KEITH SOBRASKI, CORONADO, OT DT

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Saguaro Ready to Defend Its 4A-1 Crown Chaparral, Cactus, Peoria in the Picture



Saguaro quarterback Tim Ruben (#5) and Chaparral wide receiver-defensive back Mike Cummings (#80) are two of the finest players in Scottsdale. They'll also attempt to lead the teams far into the 4A-1 state playoffs (Paynter Pics).

John Sanders assumes the head coaching chores at **SAGUARO**. No pressure. Just keep things going and guide the Sabercats as they battle to repeat as 4A-1 state champs. The 2006 Cats, coached by Mike Reardon (now at Mesquite), conquered 13 of 14 opponents on their way to the top spot.

Key returnees from that team are QB Tim Ruben (6-0, 175), OL/DL Chris Merrill (6-1, 260) and OL/DL Derek Bisgard (6-1, 240) – all senior honors candidates.

Junior Beau Burton (5-10, 190) and senior

Andrew Johnson (5-9, 170) figure to get most of the carries in the backfield, while juniors Paul Porras (5-11, 160) and Max Smith (6-2, 230) are very capable receivers.

Smith doubles on the defensive line, along with OL/DL Corey Adams (6-3, 275, Jr.) and Joe Kellogg (6-2, 290, Sr.). Backers Jake Dunn (5-10, 205, Sr.), Brett Spotses (5-11, 200, Sr.) and Ben Bisgard (5-11, 185, Jr.) are also major contributors.

CHAPARRAL has a new head coach too. Ron Estabrook retired after the 2006 season,

ending a brilliant career with the Firebirds. Charlie Ragle takes over and will build around 23 returning lettermen from last season's 11-3 unit.

Returning all-stater Mike Cummings (6-1, 195) is a dominant player on both sides of the ball. He should have a great senior year.

Blake Schembri (5-9, 190, Sr.) is expected to excel at quarterback, with RB/LB Matt Peterson (5-10, 210, Sr.), WR/S Derek Oesterblad (5-10, 175, Sr.), WR/CB Deverson Carr (5-11, 185, Sr.), WR/CB Luke

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Miller (6-0, 175, Sr.) and RB Ross Kamela (5-7, 170, Sr.) providing support at the skill positions.

Ragle is also relying on LB Charlie Lytle (6-0, 190, Sr.), OL/DL Lance Coleman (5-11, 250, Sr.) and OL/DL Derrick Nsubuga (5-11, 255, Jr.) to ease the transition.

A couple of speedsters are expected to show the way for Coach Larry Fetkenhier at **CACTUS**. Senior Bruce Yeo (6-0, 203) and junior Mike Brown (5-10, 193) are both around 4.5 in the 40.

Yeo is a wideout and punts for the Cobras. He grabbed 29 passes for 426 yards and five scores as a junior receiver.

Meanwhile, Brown merely rushed for 1,260 yards and 13 touchdowns as a sophomore, earning first-team all-region honors in the process.

Replacing quarterback Ryan Underwood will be difficult, but a solid core of players from last season's 8-4 squad are still on hand for Fetkenhier. By the way, senior Jake Moreno (6-0, 171) has the inside track to be this year's signal caller.

Other proven offensive weapons are TE Cory Myers (6-5, 221, Sr.) and WR Victor Fowler (6-0, 171, Sr.). The lines should be strong, with the likes of OL Tony Brummel (6-3, 263, Sr.), DL Apollo Ford (6-1, 227, Jr.), OL Chris Putton (6-4, 238, Jr.), DL Jake Riggs (6-1, 209, Sr.) and DL Jeremy Lucas (6-2, 281, Sr.) raring to go.

The Cobras are also well stocked at linebacker and in the secondary, thanks to veterans like DB Phillip Pollock (6-1, 174, Jr.), LB Troy Hernandez (6-2, 212, Sr.), LB Ben Monarrez (5-11, 202, Jr.), DB Chrisman Hughes (5-10, 168, Sr.), DB Kandon Thomas (5-10, 168m, Jr.) and DB Austin Brunke (5-10, 166, Jr.).

PEORIA has a nice foundation for 2007. There's skill-position performers like RB/DB Jamal Miles (5-11, 170, Jr.), RB Ezra Sanchez (5-9, 175, Sr.), QB Vinnie Spano (6-1, 190, Jr.), TE Jeff Dwyer (6-1, 210, Sr.) and DB Martin Madrigal (5-11, 180, Sr.).

Also among the 28 returnees are OL Anthony Shaw (6-5, 265, Sr.) and LB Michael Rodriguez (6-1, 205, Jr.).

We look for the Panthers to be at least as good as they were a year ago, when they finished with a 9-4 mark.

"We're in a new class with new challenges," says **CACTUS SHADOWS** Head Coach Chad DeGrenier. Now in his fourth year at the controls for the Falcons, DeGrenier returns 24 lettermen from his undefeated (15-0) title team of a year ago. Of course, he won't have Phillip Aholt (Arizona Quarterback of the Year, see page 4AZ) to ignite his powerful offense this fall, but the cupboard is far from bare.

Matt Williams, a senior wide receiver and defensive back, is among the Falcons' best returnees. The 5-10, 175-pounder is terrific on both sides of the ball. The receiving corps also features Brian Colan (5-11, 175, Sr.), Cody Barwick (6-3, 190, Sr.) and Chris Chesney (6-3, 195, Jr.).

Watch for Dane Andrews (5-11, 195, Sr.),



Things went very well for Coach Chad DeGrenier and his Cactus Shadows Falcons in 2006 (Paynter Pics).

Kenny Prodan (5-11, 205, Jr.) and Johnny Barro (5-10, 175, Jr.) to carry the pigskin most of the time.

The premiere linemen for Cactus Shadows figure to be OG/DE Chris Manship (6-4, 230, Sr.), OT/DT Taylor Lewan (6-6, 250, Jr.) and OT Alec Wrightman (6-3, 230, Sr.).

"We had a very successful 2006 season," says **PRESCOTT** Head Coach Lou Beneitone. "Many players are working hard, wanting to repeat last year's success. Our biggest slot to fill is the quarterback position. Dan Trail, the QB from last year, will be a big loss."

But the Badgers have a powerful bunch of 22 veterans from last year's 9-3 varsity. Headliners of that group are WR/DL/LB Isaac Chavez (6-1, 215), RB/DB Keith Knudsen (6-2, 185), OL/LB Bryan Barberena (6-0, 200), WR/DB Skyler Branch (6-0, 180), RB/DB Chris Shipp (5-8, 185) and RB Levi Carter (6-1, 225) – all twelfth-graders.

Heavy contributions are also expected from OL Troy Boehm (6-2, 220, Sr.), OL/DL Daniel Brutinel (6-2, 234, Sr.), LB Lopati HoChee (6-0, 205, Sr.), TE/DL Jordan Magdeleno (6-2, 210, Sr.), OL/DL Spencer Campbell (5-11, 250, Jr.), RB/DB Jacob Jarvis (6-1, 195, Jr.), WR/DB Brian Scatos (6-1, 175, So.), TE/DE Nick Randall (6-3, 190, Jr.) and TE/DE Jordan Pruzina (6-3, 205, Jr.).

Either Trevor Cruz or Josh Chavez should win the nod at quarterback. TE/DE Ty Asay (6-4, 215) is a senior transfer from West Virginia.

Mike Gibbons is the new head mentor at **McCLINTOCK**, where he inherits 24 letterwinners, including 14 starters, from the 2006 club that posted six wins in 11 outings.

First and foremost on that list of veterans is FB/MLB David Blair, a powerful 6-2, 225-pounder with 4.6 speed. He's a definite honors candidate this time out.

Another playmaker for the Chargers is WR/DB Malcolm Martin, a 5-11, 185-pound senior with even better speed than Blair.

Gibbons is also relying on TE/DE Jared

Ringer (6-2, 210), OT Enrique Ortega (6-3, 230), OG John Benken (6-2, 235), WR/FS Hussian Harris (6-3, 210), RB/LB Ty Roberts (5-10, 180), RB/DB Vinnie Bradley (5-7, 165), RB/DT Zack Hansen (5-7, 210) and QB Kelly Kurzman (5-11, 200) – all seniors.

"We only graduated three seniors that started," says **SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR** Head Coach Rick Mey.

That means the Eagles return an amazing 37 lettermen, including eight starters on each side of the line of scrimmage. This is Mey's fourth year at O'Connor; he sports a solid 18-14 mark right now. But this could be his best team to date.

The defense is bolstered by five three-year starters – LB Robert Robbins (6-0, 210), LB Elliott Ness (6-1, 215), FS Tyler Rajec (5-11, 175), DE Alex Edwards (5-10, 220) and DL Tanner Marano (6-2, 245). Robbins earned all-region recognition last fall.

Offensively, keep track of TE/QB Justin McElroy (6-1, 185, Jr.), OL Aron Spisak (6-4, 240, Sr.), WR Spencer Brown (6-0, 170, Sr.) and RB Zack MacPhee (5-8, 185, Sr.). Brown moved here from Idaho, while MacPhee is a transfer from Mountain Ridge.

INDEPENDENCE has a new coach, an excellent collection of returning linemen and some questionmarks at the skill positions. The Patriots had a fine season a year ago, registering nine wins against only two losses.

Senior stalwarts up front are Justin Pryce (6-5, 295), Dominic Jones (6-1, 240), Sean Collins (6-2, 245), Diego Bencomo (5-10, 200) and Giovanni Escobar (5-10, 210).

Watch for RB/DB TyQuan Wilson (6-0, 175, Sr.), WR/DB Kyree Perkins (5-8, 160, Sr.), QB/DB Jeff Sealinger (6-1, 180, Sr.) and QB/LB Travis Ramirez (6-0, 195, So.) to help get the job done.

AGUA FRIA will certainly miss Everson Griffen. Our Phoenix Metro and Arizona Player of the Year (see pages 4 and 21AZ) was quite possibly the most recruited player in the history of our state. He finally opted for USC and certainly has all the necessary tools to be a great collegiate player.

Coach Kelly Epley does have seven starters back from his club that posted a nifty 12-1 slate, advancing to the 4A-1 semi-finals. Foremost among the returning regulars are TB/WR/DB Derrick Ross (5-11, 160, Sr.) and WR/LB Brian Lawrence (6-0, 185, Jr.).

The Owls possess good size in the interior line, thanks to performers like OG Ian Blazek (5-11, 190, Sr.), TE Roy Perez (6-1, 215, Sr.), OT Aaron Davis (6-3, 245, Sr.), OG Brian Espinoza (5-9, 180, Sr.) and OT Sean Velasquez (6-0, 275, Sr.). Junior Chris Ferrar (5-9, 175) and senior Paul Amparan (5-9, 190) will take over many of the ball-carrying chores handled by Griffen in 2006.

SHADOW MOUNTAIN was 1-9 in 2005 – Coach Josh Sekoch's first year with the Matadors. They improved to 3-8 in 2006 and, with 31 letterwinners back in uniform, reaching the .500 level or better is certainly a good possibility.

Phoenix Metro 4A-1 Top 15

- 1) **Saguaro Sabercats**New Coach for 4A-1 Defending Champions
- 2) **Chaparral Firebirds**Cummings Leads Capable Crew
- 3) **Cactus Cobras**Another Title Game Appearance?
- 4) **Peoria Panthers**Clapp Has 28 Lettermen Back from 2006
- 5) **Cactus Shadows Falcons**2006 4A-2 State Champs
- 6) **Prescott Badgers**9-3 Last Year
- 7) **McClintock Chargers**Blair & Friends Reaching for Postseason
- 8) **Sandra Day O'Connor Eagles**16 Starters Back in Uniform
- 9) **Independence Patriots**Seven Starters Back from 9-2 Team
- 10) **Agua Fria Owls**12-1 in 2006
- 11) **Shadow Mountain Matadors**Juede Leads Veteran Team
- 12) **Apollo Hawks**Life After Amukamara
- 13) **Apache Junction Prospectors**Up from 4A-2, 9-5 Last Year
- 14) **Sunnyslope Vikings**Up from 4A-2, 8-5 Last Year
- 15) **Paradise Valley Trojans**Down from 5A-2, Good Passing Attack

The Matadors are led by SS/FB/P Tyler Juede (6-0, 230). He's a three-year starter with good skills, great versatility and 4.6 speed. With a good senior campaign, Juede could earn a scholarship to play Division 1 football next year.

And he has plenty of support. Key performers on the line of scrimmage are OT/DE Doug Zismann (6-3, 270, Jr.), OL/DL Ryan Shaw (6-2, 310, Jr.), C/DE Ryan Young (6-1, 230, Jr.), OL/DT Will Curtis (6-2, 250, Sr.) and OG/DT Matt Duggan (6-0, 215, Sr.).

Either Darryn Cook-Kelley (6-0, 170, Jr.) or Tom Boundy (5-8, 155, Jr.) should get the call at quarterback. The running back group includes Richard Garcia (6-1, 190, Sr.), Mark Markar (6-0, 200, Jr.), Brett Mallette (6-0, 240, Jr.), Sebastian Michelle (5-8, 160, Jr.), Derek Pluma (5-7, 160, Jr.) and Jason Rhode (5-10, 160, Jr.).

Others to watch are WR/FS Michael McLeran (5-9, 170, Sr.), TE/LB Josh Brooks (6-2, 245, Jr.), TE/DE Marcus Santa Cruz (6-3, 205, Sr.), WR/DB Matt Farney (6-0, 170, Jr.), WR Jamie Rutherford (5-11, 150, Jr.) and WR/DB Andrew Chandler (5-9, 180, Jr.).

APOLLO Coach Zack Threadgill no longer has Prince Amukamara, our Arizona Running Back of the Year (see page 9AZ), to tote the pigskin. Amukamara is now a University of Nebraska Cornhusker.

So where does that leave the Hawks? Well, Threadgill's bunch was 7-4 last season and he has 14 starters back in 2007. Headliners are WR/FS Justin Livingstone (6-0, 175, Sr.), OG/DL Ruben Garcia (5-10, 285, Sr.), OT Orlando Lara (6-1, 295, Sr.), SS Jason Burnett (6-0, 175, Jr.), RB/CB Torrick Vaughn (5-8, 145, Sr.) and RB Mike Gonzales (5-10, 192, Jr.).

Other Apollo mainstays are DL Neirisi Serano (6-2, 294, Jr.), TE/DE Raul Saenz (6-0, 190, Sr.), LB Josh Benninger (5-9, 175, Sr.), K Chris Arollo (5-10, 160, Sr.), SS/LB Hunter Marsh (5-7, 160, Sr.) and C/DL Steve Afre (5-10, 195).

A sure sign of the East Valley's growth is

the rise to the 4A-1 ranks by **APACHE JUNCTION**. For years, with some of the smallest enrollment figures in the classification, the Prospectors had trouble competing at the 4A level. Now, with an enrollment of 1,810 students, AJ is among the largest schools in the Desert Sky Region.

Coach Max Ragsdale guided his guys to a fine season in 2006; the Prospectors finished 9-5, advancing to the 4A-2 semifinals before bowing to Higley. Four key players – RB/DB Shane McCullen (6-1, 195, Jr.), RB/LB Tripper Meason (5-10, 190, Sr.), OL/DL Louie Crespo (6-2, 280, Sr.) and TE/DE Jeremy Loya (6-2, 215, Sr.) – return from that squad. McCullen and Crespo could be among Arizona's best this year.

The jump in class with an inexperienced outfit – only seven starters are back – could present problems for Apache Junction, but don't sell this team short. They could be up to the challenge.

Coach Tim Mayfield at **SUNNYSLOPE** finds himself in almost the same situation as Coach Ragsdale at Apache Junction. One added twist – he's a first-year coach for the Vikings.

Sunnyslope did well last year, ending up 8-5 with a trip to the 4A-2 quarterfinals. However, Mayfield inherits only six starters from that team and the 2006 JV was just 4-4.

Watch for QB/FS Beau Grado (6-1, 180, Sr.), RB/LB Chad Corley (6-1, 195, Jr.), RB/LB Jesse McGrath (5-11, 190, So.), WR/CB Max Barkley (5-10, 160, Sr.), OL/LB Mack Kruljac (6-1, 195, Sr.), OL/DL John Capriotti (6-1, 205, Jr.), WR/CB Meshach Watkins (5-7, 150, Jr.) and QB/LB Nathan Schexnayder (6-0, 190, Sr.) to show the way.

On the other hand, **PARADISE VALLEY** is going from the 5A-2 classification to the 4A-1 level, so Coach Donnie Yantis and his Trojans are somewhat of an unknown.

Eighteen returning letterwinners form a good foundation and last year's JV was a very respectable 6-3 on the year. Still, the Trojans were 4-7 last year. The passing game is a strength, with QB Grant O'Brien (6-0,

185, Sr.), WR Chris McFaul (6-2, 175, Sr.) and WR Ebo Makinde (6-0, 170, Jr.) in leading roles.

Yantis also anticipates standout performances from OL/DL Nick Sabye (6-6, 235, Sr.), FB/LB Jesse Harper (5-11, 220, Jr.), DB Dylan Borys (6-1, 175, Jr.), OL/DL Jason Schertz (5-9, 210, Sr.) and P/K Donny Compton (5-10, 190, Jr.).

Coach Mark Smith is beginning his fourth year at **MILLENNIUM**. He's put together a lofty 25-11 ledger so far, although his 2006 group were just 4-6. Thirteen regulars are back in action and the junior varsity finished with seven wins in eight attempts last fall.

The best of the '07 Tigers should be LB Johnny Carrasco (5-10, 200, Sr.), DL Victor Dominguez (6-0, 205, Sr.), QB Andre Moore (6-2, 195, Sr.), WR/FS James Castillo (5-9, 165, Jr.) and WR Derek Waddell (6-3, 175, Sr.).

Other notables include DB Cedric Easley (5-10, 155, Sr.), TE/P Zac Livingston (6-2, 190, Sr.), LB Jaime Gaeta (6-1, 190, Jr.), DL Terrance Woods (6-2, 237, Jr.), OL Mark Rudolph (5-9, 210, Jr.), OL Justin Vizcaino (6-1, 185, Sr.) and RB Kyle Jackson (5-9, 145, So.).

"If we can stay healthy and play to our potential, I feel we can compete strongly at this level," says Ron Frank, head coach at **COPPER CANYON**. He does have some weapons.

Playing an independent varsity schedule last year, the Aztecs were 5-4. Frank, now in his fourth year at CCHS, welcomes back an amazing 20 starters from that unit. It begins with QB/FS Jared Baldonado (6-0, 180), a four-year starter for the Aztecs. "He has a live arm and quick feet. He's a great leader," says Frank.

Other stalwarts on offense are RB Rashad Davis (6-0, 185, Sr.), RB Dominique Dennis (5-10, 175, Sr.), RB Jeryl Willis (6-0, 200, Sr.), TE Manny Hernandez (6-0, 200, Sr.), as well as offensive linemen Anthony Greiner (6-0, 210, Sr.), Richard Rodriguez (6-0, 175, Sr.), Willie Jackson (6-1, 220, Jr.) and Bo Wheeler (5-11, 190, Jr.).

Dennis and Willis, a transfer from Tucson, have 4.6 speed or better. All of these players, including Baldonado are slated to play on the Copper Canyon defense too.

Bouncing back from a tough 3-7 campaign is the task at hand for the Chiefs at **THUNDERBIRD**. It won't be easy, since just eight returning starters are still available to Head Coach Brent Wittenwyler.

The headliners are TE/LB Mike Butzine (6-2, 195, Sr.) and WR/DB Lavaughn Rylon (6-2, 185, Sr.). TE Jason Leos (6-2, 195, Sr.), WR PJ Garcia (5-9, 175, Sr.) and WR Andrew Penrose (6-1, 185) will also be factors in the passing game. Setting up behind center will be Chris Womack, a 6-2, 180-pound senior with a strong arm.

In addition, Wittenwyler anticipates steady performances from linemen Stephen Howell (6-0, 215) and Stephen Davis (6-0, 210) – both seniors.

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Very Strong Year for 5A-1 Teams

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Brothers RB/DB Marquese Wheaton, a 5-10, 170-pound senior, and WR/DB Markus Wheaton, a 5-11, 160-pound junior, could spark **MOUNTAIN POINTE** to the playoffs in 2007. Both have 4.6 speed.

Second-year Head Coach Phil Abbadessa has a couple of first-class linemen – seniors Gage Gorman (6-3, 255) and Chaz Call (6-1, 255) – to fight the battles up front. He's also expecting big contributions from RB/LB Ben Smith (5-9, 190, Sr.), QB/DB Adel Belgaied (5-11, 205, Sr.), QB/WR/DB Will Claye (5-9, 150, Jr.) and WR/DB Branson Ramirez (5-8, 160, Sr.). A total of 22 lettermen return from last fall's 6-4 club. Members of a talented 7-2 JV are also on hand.

Others to watch are TE/LB Dan Hood (6-2, 180), WR/DB Michael Woodham (6-1, 180), OL/DL Trevor Dennis (6-1, 260), OL/DL Ricky Dennis (6-1, 260), TE/LB Jason Reichart (5-11, 190), RB/DB Jarell Turner (5-6, 150), OL/LB Sean Beutner (5-8, 200), OL/LB Mike Kenney (5-11, 170), OL/DL Brad Powell (5-10, 210), OL/DL Spencer DeJohn (6-4, 215), OL/DL John Pedraza (5-11, 230) and TE/LB Andrew Bensted (6-1, 180).

The Jackrabbits of **MESA** have a new head mentor in Kelley Moore, the former coach at Independence. Moore inherits 12 returning lettermen, half of which were starters a year ago. The coach's overall coaching record stands at 126-60, so he's certainly proven himself in his previous stints.

Moore will battle the likes of Mountain View, Red Mountain and so on with a new mix of skill-position players and down linemen. His best returnee might be RB/DB Keelan Johnson, a 6-0, 195-pound senior with 4.5 speed. The starter at quarterback figures to be Tony Gallegos (5-8, 175, Sr.), while seniors Kyree Hart (5-9, 170), Derek Kirk (5-11, 175), Austin McNeil (5-10, 185) and Michael Clore (5-11, 175) will all battle for playing time at running back. Tight end Beau Gardner (6-4, 230) is a good one; he'll also contribute as an outside linebacker on defense.

Headliners in the trenches are RG/LB John Jarvis (6-0, 185), OL/DL Pasiaka Fahino (6-0, 262) and OL/DL Joe Matney (6-0, 200). Fahino is just beginning the eleventh grade.

Topping last year's 7-4 mark is a good goal. Mesa looks plenty capable, but the competition will be brutal.

MOUNTAIN RIDGE, under the direction of first-year coach Bobby Green, was respectable a year ago – 5-5 before bowing out in the first round of the playoffs by a 46-21 count to eventual state champion Hamilton. This club could do better in 2007.

Twenty-two varsity veterans are back for Green's second campaign, led by QB Kevin Yost (6-0, 180, Jr.) and wideouts Jeff Locke (6-1, 192, Sr.) and Ryan King (6-2, 194, Sr.). Super-quick Georgio Giurdanella (5-9, 170) is a player to watch at running back and defensive back.

There's good size up front with C/DT Taniela Nuitei (6-2, 280), DE Mike Brown (6-0, 212), OT Ryon Gardner (6-0, 240) and OT Brandon Gabbard (6-5, 260) – all seniors.

Other contributors should be LB Mike Chocholousek (5-10, 185, Jr.), RB/LB Brett Hager (5-10, 180, Jr.) and RB/WR/LB Kenny Elgin (6-2, 180, Sr.). The Mountain Lions could be tough in tight games, since Locke doubles as one of the best kickers in the state.

How about those **HIGHLAND** Hawks? New Coach Pete Wallhjem takes over a squad that won six and lost five in 2006. Seventeen letterwinners – including 11 regulars – will make the transition a bit easier. Featured performers figure to be RB/LB Mike Madrid (6-1, 235), QB Jeremy Fuhst (6-3, 185), K Mike DiGangi (6-0, 185), WR/DB Dylan Jones (6-0, 195), OL/DL Kevin Dever (6-1, 185) and RB/DB Jackson Law (5-10, 165, Jr.).

Madrid is a playmaker on both sides of the football, while Jones, Law and WR/DB Chase Garrett (6-0, 140, Sr.) possess 4.5 speed.

Size could be a problem, but TE/LB Cord Harris (5-11, 200), RB/LB Anthony Muller (6-0, 200), WR/DB Jake DeGracie (5-10, 145, Jr.) and TE/LB James Pazos (6-2, 205, Jr.) will play supporting roles.

The **MESQUITE** football program is now in the capable hands of Mike Reardon, formerly the coach at Saguaro, the defending 4A-1 state champs. The Wildcats were just 3-7 last year, so improvement is the name of the game this fall.

Good skill-position players are on hand, led by Luckas Scott, a 5-8, 200-pound senior running back and linebacker. He has 4.5 speed.

Senior RB/LB Nolan Jeffries (5-9, 195) will share ball-carrying responsibilities with Scott, while the receiving corps is deep and talented with the likes of TE/DE Trevor Kohl (6-3, 235), WR/DB Fabrice Jeffries (5-9, 195) and C.J. Evans (5-8, 165) in the lineup.

A dozen starters are back in uniform for Coach Reardon, as he attempts to mold Mesquite into a 5A-1 contender.

Could be a better year for second-year Coach Eddy Zubey at **WESTWOOD**, where 24 Warrior lettermen are back to improve on last season's 3-7 mark.

Among the brightest of the returning

regulars are QB Brandon Large (6-2, 185), TE/LB Ben Parker (5-11, 205) and RB/LB Ben Ochoa (5-10, 185) – all seniors.

Zubey is also anticipating big things from RB/DB Jeron Beaton (5-8, 175), WR/DB Kenny Anderson (6-2, 180), OL/LB Ed Judie (6-1, 225), WR/DB Adam Garcia (5-7, 145) and DL Chris Smith (5-10, 260).

Dan Widmaier is heading into his third year as the head mentor at **CESAR CHAVEZ**. The Champions won three and lost seven last year, so the 15 returning lettermen and members of an undefeated JV (9-0) are looking to turn that around in 2007.

Senior RB/FS Jarron Johnson (5-10, 180) is a key performer for this club; he has the ability to make big plays. Demitrius Burnett (5-10, 180, Jr.) and Troy Stewart (5-10, 190, Sr.) are solid linebackers; Stewart also plays some fullback.

Others to watch include DE/TE Tyree Royston (6-3, 195, Sr.), DE Tony Lee (6-0, 190, Jr.), C Dan Seville (5-9, 230, Sr.), RT/DL Marcos Leal (6-0, 235, Sr.), RG/DL Kyle Lukas (5-8, 185, Jr.), LG/DL Sam Ugarte (5-10, 180, Sr.) and RB/OLB Jeremy Vinson (5-9, 175, Sr.).

TREVOR BROWNE has a new head coach. Randy Gross comes over from Westview, after leading the JV there to a sparkling 24-2 record. Maybe he can work his magic with the Bruin varsity, which won just two of 10 contests last fall.

Headliners among the returnees are FB/MLB Anthony Carrasco (6-0, 210), OT/DT Diego Gonzalez (6-3, 280) and junior TB/DB Isiah Key (5-8, 170).

The starting quarterback should be senior Jorge Acuna, a 6-1, 170-pounder who also plays free safety. Besides Key, the other ball carriers to watch are seniors John Hunter (6-0, 180) and Kevin Moulis (5-11, 200).

Junior C/DE Sal Hernandez (5-10, 260), senior DB Harold Gholson (5-6, 160) and senior TE/LB Oscar Flamenco (6-0, 200) will also help Trevor Browne fortunes.

Veteran Coach Frank Lautt is hoping his **ALHAMBRA** Lions can battle their way back from a subpar 2-8 ledger last year.

Mainstays in the backfield will be RB/DB Jeff Rhone (5-10, 170, Sr.), QB/DB Charles Lopez (6-1, 160, Sr.), QB/DB Nathan Mendenhall (5-11, 155, Sr.) and FB/LB Garrett Turner (6-0, 225, Jr.). Top returning receivers are TE/DL Curtis Davis (6-4, 220, Sr.), WR/DB Myron Perez (6-0, 170, Sr.) and WR/DB Jacob Serrato (5-10, 155, Jr.).

Stalwarts in the line are OL/DL Javier Garcia (6-4, 275, Sr.), OL/LB Sheldon Doffenbaugh (5-11, 210, Sr.) and OL/DL Ken Murray (6-2, 250, Sr.).

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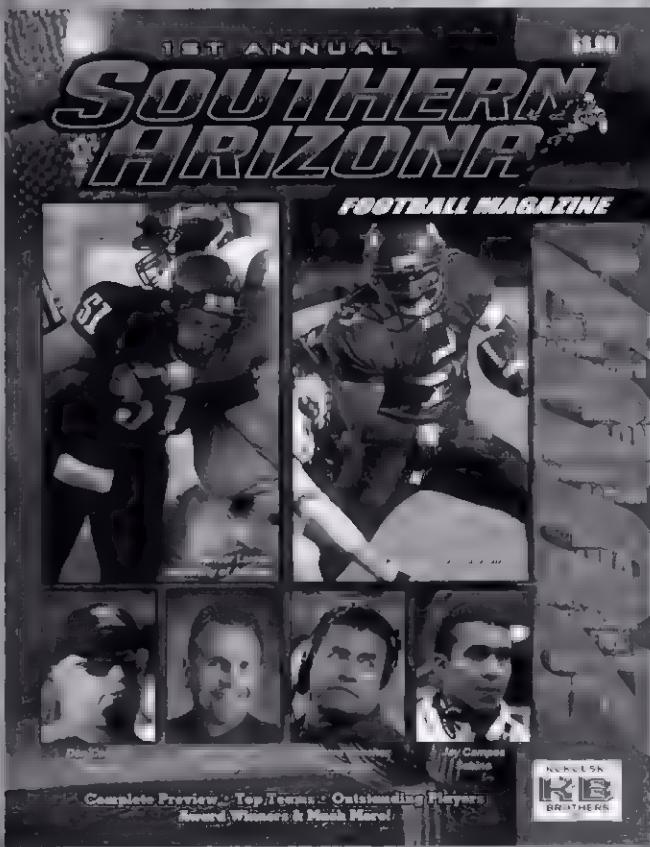
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Higley, Buckeye, Queen Creek Top Three in 4A-2 Race to the Finish

The football program at **HIGLEY** made great strides in 2006. It's true the Knights couldn't quite run the table – they lost, 28-14, to Cactus Shadows in the 4A-2 championship game at the University of Phoenix Stadium.

But Coach Jim Beall and his guys had every reason to be proud. How many teams finished with an 11-3 record or better? How many teams advanced to the title game for their classification and earned a chance to play in the Arizona Cardinals' new stadium?

Don't be surprised if they're back again on December 1st. "Look out for the Knights," says Beall. Barring injury, Tito Gonzales and Alex Jentzen will be the stars.

Gonzales is a 6-2, 195-pound senior poised for a monster year at running back and linebacker. Jentzen, a 6-0, 175-senior, is a keg cog at running back and defensive back.

A total of 26 lettermen return and help is on the way from an undefeated (8-0) junior varsity. The Knights are strong in the trenches, thanks to players like OL Jon Black (6-4, 280, Sr.), DE Ivan Ballit (5-11, 250, Sr.), OL/DL Eddie Rodriguez (5-10, 260, Jr.) and OL/DL Steve Hardy (5-10 270, Sr.).

Junior Daniel Davis (6-2, 280) is a two-way threat as a wideout and in the secondary.

"This team could be the best at **BUCKEYE** in many years," says Coach Bobby Barnes. The Hawks have back-to-back 8-3 seasons on their resume; this could be the year they win the whole thing.

Buckeye is a well-balanced outfit. There plenty of talented linemen, led by DE Clint Gladden (6-4, 220), OL/DL Kellend Brookover (6-4, 250) and C Dakota Astraus (6-2, 235) – all seniors. Gladden is a returning all-stater with 30 sacks in the last two years. Additional veterans include OL Zak Nicholson, OL Steven Pearson, DL Alberto Manzanarez, OL Sam Valverde and OL Kyle Sanchez.

Senior LB Tyler Miller (6-0, 220) was the Defensive Player of the Year in the



Higley's Tito Gonzales will do his best to help the Knights reach the 4A-2 finale once again. He's a honors candidate at running back and linebacker (Higley High School Yearbook photo).

Skyline Region last season. He'll be assisted by SLB Tyler McArthur, WLB Michael Boone and WLB Arthur Brown – all juniors.

The passing attack features QB Troy Ganley (6-1, 165), TE Coleman McArthur (6-0, 220) and WR Franky Lynch (6-0, 165). Wide receivers Junior Lerma, Terense Wilson and Alden Bryant lend support. McArthur and Lynch are honors candidates in 2007.

Three-year starters Jeremy Schwiesow and Pat Sanders are stalwarts in the secondary, with junior Matt Warner pushing for playing time. Kicker Ricky Norman set a school record for field goals last year, including a pair of 46-yarders.

This could be a breakthrough year for

Coach Curt LeBlanc at **QUEEN CREEK**. The Bulldogs appear to be serious challengers for the 4A-2 crown.

Big Ian Spencer (6-5, 277) and versatile Tod Workman (5-11, 175) are a couple of LeBlanc's primary weapons.

Spencer is a force to be reckoned with from his offensive tackle position. And Workman will get most of the carries from his running back post, when he's not set up at linebacker on defense.

Also back from last year's 7-5 club are REC/FS Jensen Nevitt (6-2, 180, Sr.), FB/NG Jake Goddard (5-10, 190, Jr.), OT Ryan Turner (6-1, 230, Jr.), FL/CB Jared Call (5-10, 170, Sr.) and TE/FB/LB Travis Nino (6-0, 195, Sr.).

NOTRE DAME PREP has one of the finest quarterbacks to come out of our

state in many years. At least that's the buzz about senior Sean Renfree (6-3, 200), who threw for nearly 2,500 yards and 24 scores in 2006.

The Saints need others like RB/FS Patrick Foley (6-0, 175, Sr.), RB/LB Andrew Stutz (5-11, 180, Sr.) and WR Brandon Hirneise (6-1, 180, Sr.) to play well and help this young program reach for the skies. Kicker Chris Gardner (5-9, 160, Sr.) is dependable and will aide the Saints' cause.

Foley and Stutz combined for over 800 yards rushing last fall.

Twenty-one lettermen are back in uniform for Coach Jim Bevell at **ARCADIA**. The Titans put together another solid slate in 2006, grabbing nine wins in 12 contests. They've been close for the past couple of years, but, so far, Bevell's troops haven't quite reached the ultimate goal.

This group will take another shot. Led by TE/WR Sean Jarvis (6-5, 210, Sr.), QB/WR Dan Hildebrand (6-0, 185, Sr.), WR/DB Carroll David (6-1, 170, Jr.) and WR Joey Cosgrove (6-3, 180, Sr.), the Titans' passing attack should be stellar.

Running back Chad Cullen (6-0, 190, Sr.) should get most of the carries, while LB Kramer Hope (6-1, 200, Sr.) is a stopper on defense. Look for OL Nick Curley (6-0, 200, Sr.), OL/DL Joe Carter (6-0, 215, Sr.), OL Alex Parsons (6-3, 210, Sr.), OL/DL Kyle Van Arden (6-5, 225, Sr.) and DL Maurice Willingham (6-0, 200, Sr.) to be very physical in the trenches. Junior Adam Joffe (6-1, 190) is becoming a fine linebacker for the Titans.

MOON VALLEY had a very long 2006 season, registering just two wins against nine defeats. And the Rockets' best player – mammoth offensive lineman Javario Burkes – has picked up his diploma and moved on to the University of Nebraska.

Yet there's every reason for hope that the 2007 campaign will be a bounce-back year. A promising group of 28 letterwinners – half of them starters – are back and raring to go. Also, the Rockets have dropped down to the 4A-2 level; that might help, although nothing is guaranteed.

Coach Roger Britson welcomes back the following veterans on offense: QB Joey Pieres (5-11, 185, Sr.), RB Blaise Deal (6-3, 200, Sr.), RB Anthony Moya (5-9, 180, Jr.), RB Cord Deal (5-10, 180, So.), TE Robert Chung (6-3, 220, Sr.), OG Chris Salamasino (6-1, 240, Sr.) and OL Tyler Black (6-3, 240, Jr.).

Pieres, the Deals, Moya and Chung

Phoenix Metro 4A-2 Top 15

1) Higley Knights	Back in the Finals Again?
2) Buckeye Hawks	Talented and Experienced
3) Queen Creek Bulldogs	Spencer, Workman Team Leaders
4) Notre Dame Prep Saints	Renfree Outstanding at Quarterback
5) Arcadia Titans	Bevell Fields Another Good Team
6) Moon Valley Rockets	28 Lettermen Return for Coach Britson
7) Glendale Cardinals	Potent Running Attack This Year
8) Greenway Demons	Brooks Big-Time Talent
9) Mohave Thunderbirds	Huge O-Line Challenges Opponents
10) Washington Rams	State Semifinalists in 2006
11) Coronado Dons	Huff Returns for Big Senior Year
12) Seton Catholic Sentinels	Up from the 3A Classification
13) Desert Edge Scorpions	Football Program on the Rise
14) Bradshaw Mountain Bears	Don't Overlook Apap's Crew
15) Raymond Kellis Cougars	New to 4A Football

are also slated for defensive duty, along with the likes of CB Josh Tucker (5-11, 175, Jr.), CB Ricki McClure (6-2, 170, Jr.), DL Greg Newton (5-9, 230, Sr.) and LB Matt Ramirez (6-0, 195, Jr.).

Members of last fall's 6-3 JV will fill in the gaps.

It could be a good year at **GLENDALE**. Head mentor Jason Wilke has a couple of burners and a big blocking back in the backfield. That would be RB/DB Tyrese McGruder (5-8, 165, Sr.), RB/LB Freeland Wilson (5-8, 165, Sr.) and FB/DL DeShaun Anderson (5-11, 240, Sr.), respectively.

Altogether, the Cardinals have 18 varsity veterans back from last season's 6-5 unit. Even more impressive is the fact that 13 of those 18 are returning starters.

Other stalwarts are OL/DL Andrew Mendez (5-11, 225, Sr.), TE/LB Paul Garcia (5-9, 195, Jr.), C/LB Luis Rodriguez (5-10, 185, Jr.) and OL/DE Lazarus Parra (5-11, 200, Sr.).

Senior Brenin Brooks (6-0, 198) is one of the finest players in Arizona. He's primarily known for his work at linebacker, but he can be a rugged customer at tight end too. The Demons of **GREENWAY** need Brooks and friends to have a big year, since times were tough (0-10) last year.

Coach Mike Brown also expects standout play from OT/DE Dustin Freitag (6-2, 235, Sr.). He'll join forces with OG/DT Jordan Bryan (6-1, 205) and OT/DT Sajed Shubair (5-7, 225) along the front line.

Skill-position players to watch are QB/DB Tyler Gettings (5-6, 170, Sr.), WR/DE Ben Cox (6-3, 175, Sr.), RB/DB John Weaver (5-11, 170, Sr.) and RB/LB

Corbin Jones (5-9, 175, Jr.). All are quick – with 4.65 speed or better.

Coach Al Melo and his **MOHAVE** Thunderbirds should be in the mix this time out. An imposing number (27) of returning lettermen could really make things happen in 2007.

Up front, Mohave has OL Dorrian Edwards (6-4, 260, Sr.), OL/DL Tyler Hughes (6-2, 260, Sr.) and OL/DL Gabe Munoz (6-3, 285, Sr.) to clear the way.

Randy Queen (6-0, 160, Jr.) calls the signals at quarterback, while FB/LB Cody Adams (6-2, 220, Sr.), RB Andrew Jackson (5-8, 160, Sr.), FB/LB Jay Mejia (5-10, 185, Sr.), TE/DE Tommy Taylor (6-5, 190, Sr.) and WR/LB Nick Padilla (6-1, 185, Sr.) make big plays. Kicker Matt Boyd (5-10, 160, Sr.) is also a reliable weapon.

Coach BJ Pasquel is looking for better days at **CORONADO**. His Dons were 4-7 a year ago, but this proud football program will be back.

Running back Travis Huff (5-7, 155) heads a group of 11 varsity players from 2006. Huff is a scatback who glided for over 1,500 yards rushing and 12 six-pointers last season. Quarterback Skyler Glessing (5-11, 160) wasn't bad himself, throwing for over 1,000 yards on the year.

The Dons are also expecting big things from the likes of OL/DL Jesus Trujillo (6-3, 310, Sr.), TE/DE J.D. Harper (6-1, 184, Sr.) and RB/LB David Alfaro (5-10, 190, Jr.).

Jon McDonald leads the list of top-notch returnees at **SETON CATHOLIC**, where the Sentinels are making a big move from the 3A ranks to 4A-2 competition. Seton showed an outstanding 11-1

record in 2006, as McDonald, a 6-1, 220-pounder with 4.6 speed, excelled at middle linebacker.

Other starters back in uniform for the Sentinels are WR/S Nick Gleisner (6-3, 180), RB/LB Corey Vaughn (5-9, 175), OG/LB Josh Dean (5-11, 185) and OT/DT Jake Hendrickson (6-3, 235) – all seniors.

Time for the Scorpions of **DESERT EDGE** to make their move. Bookend tackles Travis Muller (6-3, 270, Sr.) and Matt Baxter (6-4, 240, Jr.) will pancake some people.

If FB Jeremi Williams (6-0, 210, Jr.) and RB David Berg (5-9, 205, Jr.) can take advantage of some room to run, Desert Edge should be much better than a year ago (4-8). A total of 17 letterwinners are still in uniform and graduates of last year's junior varsity (5-2-1) should provide support.

Coach Ryan Felker is also counting on WR Thomas Chambers (5-10, 170, Sr.) and DL Devin Saucedo (5-11, 200, Sr.) to play important roles.

We expect the Bears of **BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN** to fare better this fall. Twenty-six lettermen are available for last year's squad (3-8) and Coach Chuck Apap will put them to good use in 2007.

Versatile Ben Pigg (5-10, 176) and powerful Matt Buehler (6-1, 220) are key seniors for Bradshaw Mountain this year. Pigg is good at just about everything he tries; he's a running back, defensive back, placekicker and punter for the Bears. He's also their fastest player. Buehler is a rock at both offensive guard and linebacker.

The quarterback might be transfer Marshall Bailey (6-2, 195, Jr.). Others to watch are WR/DB Justin Kilduff (5-10, 158, Sr.), RB/OLB Kevin Golleher (5-10, 180, Sr.), OL Kyle Arias (6-2, 278, Jr.), LB Steve Dutson (5-9, 203, Sr.), DT Emiliano Velazquez (5-10, 192, Sr.), DT Dillon Doucette (5-11, 327, Jr.), OG Joshua Campbell (5-8, 200, Jr.) and DT Devin Martinez (5-11, 203, So.).

University of Arizona commit Kenny Barnes is the brightest of 48 returnees at **RAYMOND KELLIS**. For his part, Barnes (6-2, 220) will spend his senior year at defensive end and running back. He's quick, clocking 4.6 in the 40.

All 22 starters are back from last fall's 3-7 unit, so Coach Jason Golden will see some familiar faces. Of course, fighting through a rugged 4A-2 schedule won't be easy.

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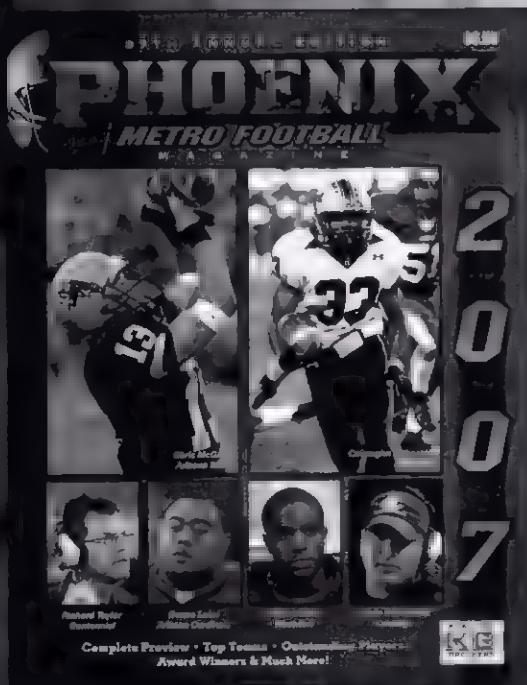
Cougar football are RB Tomorris Reese (5-9, 185, Sr.), WR Michael Sanders (6-2, 190, Sr.), FL Mikio Bain (5-8, 160, Sr.), ILB Cody Clark (5-9, 175, Jr.), ILB Junior Meza (5-11, 200, Jr.), OT Pete Lavender (6-4, 240, Jr.), TE Zach Richey (6-4, 200, Sr.), OLB Alex Duncan (5-10, 190, Sr.) and SS Kyle Stevenson (5-8, 160, Jr.).

Coach Johnny Rodriguez has tackles Dayne Darden (5-10, 240, Sr.) and Donald Horvath (5-11, 280, Jr.), as well as runners Michael Waddle (5-9, 175, Sr.) and Billy Hammel (5-7, 185, Sr.) back in the fold at **TEMPE**. That's a very good start.

There's a lot of work to do to rebound from a 1-9 season, Rodriguez's first as coach for the Buffaloes. Fourteen lettermen are still available, but a solid rebuilding job is in order.

Other Buffs to watch are WR/DB Jacob Miranda (5-8, 150, Jr.), FB/LB John Bautch (5-10, 155, Jr.), OG/DE Jordan Wilson (5-10, 200, Jr.), QB/FS Pedro Rubio (6-0, 160, Sr.), TB/FS Jo Rittenhouse (5-6, 150, Jr.) and C/DE Jame Houdah (5-10, 190, Sr.).

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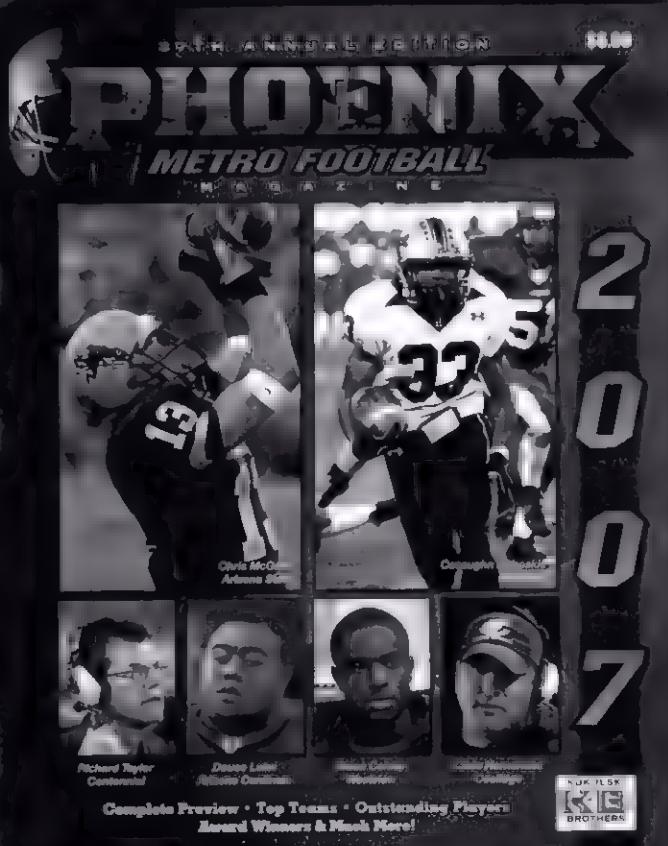
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Coolidge and Wickenburg in 3A Rematch

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Phoenix Metro 3A Top 9

1) Coolidge Bears	Three-Peat?
2) Wickenburg Wranglers	13-1 Last Year, Title Within Reach
3) Fountain Hills Falcons	Fairfield is Quarterback to Follow
4) Florence Gophers	Clemans, Martinez, Andersen and More
5) Payson Longhorns	Big Scott Andrus Dominates
6) Globe Tigers	20 Seniors Graduated, Rebuilding in 2007
7) Estrella Foothills Wolves	Looking to Break the .500 Mark
8) Santa Cruz Dust Devils	Aiming for More Wins This Fall
9) Maricopa Rams	New Rivals in the 3A South

A great class of football players graduates at **COOLIDGE** and another one takes its place. Gone are All-Arizona honorees Jesse Wheeler and T.J. White (see page 30AZ) and friends, but don't expect much of a letdown.

The Bears are the near unanimous choice by opposing coaches to make it three state championships in a row. Coach Carlo Hernandez has 22 lettermen back from his 12-1 powerhouse. Want to know how dominant the Bears have been lately? Hernandez sports a 78-10 record in his seven-year tenure at the school.

His biggest star this year might be senior FB/LB Brad Jackson, a 5-11, 210-pound senior with 4.55 speed. He'll get plenty of chances to make big plays in 2007. Taking over for Wheeler at quarterback will be either Charlie Garrett (5-9, 160, Jr.) or George Jones (5-11, 165, Sr.).

Placekicker Cody Barber (6-0, 175, Sr.) is a key performer for Coolidge, along with TE/LB Andrew Ashford (5-11, 180, Sr.), OL/DL Clay Gillespie (6-2, 220, Jr.), OL/DL Wyn Henderson (5-10, 220, Sr.), OL/DL Derek Gonzales (5-10, 200, Sr.), RB/DE Rodney Reagans (5-11, 210, Jr.), WR/LB Kevin Mitchell (5-10, 165, Jr.), WR/DB Zac Ross (5-10, 160, Sr.) and RB/DB Jeremy White (5-9, 145, Jr.).

As good as Coolidge is, **WICKENBURG** is still in the picture and deserves our utmost respect. Coach Norris Vaughan and his Wranglers battled past 13 straight rivals last year before dropping a hard-fought contest to Coolidge in the finals. Could another "Big Game Appearance" be just ahead?

Returning all-state quarterback Drew Vaughan (6-0, 174) will do his best to direct his team past the Bears in 2007. He completed 65% of his passes in 2006, good for 1,941 yards.

He has plenty of help too, thanks to 19 other lettermen back in uniform. However, the offense returns just three starters, while the defense has eight regulars ready to go. Coach Vaughan will blend in the guys of last year's 8-0-1 JV.

Junior Blake Crissman (6-2, 225) earned all-state recognition as a sophomore tackle last fall. Sheldon Murphy (5-9, 160), another junior, is remarkable in the secondary. Senior DE Aaron Marsh (6-3, 190) could blossom into a college prospect.

Besides Crissman and Marsh, the line features DL Matt Deacon (5-10, 225, Sr.) and DE Dallas Mills (6-3, 180, Jr.). Best backer is Kellan Henderson (5-10, 185, Sr.), while the secondary is well-stocked with Jordan Polle (5-10, 150, Jr.), Enrique Bernal (5-10, 160, Jr.) and Lane Leevitt (5-11, 160, Sr.) ready to defend. Kicker Derek Sievert (6-0, 180, Sr.) could be the difference in close games.

Another team to watch is Coach Jim Fairfield's outfit at **FOUNTAIN HILLS**. The Falcons are led by a skilled, experienced signal caller – senior Jason Fairfield. That makes them dangerous. Fairfield is a 6-3, 190-pound senior with a big arm.

He has good targets in TE Jim Hubick (6-0, 205, Sr.), WR Josh Trulson (5-11, 170, Sr.) and WR Kriegh Greenstreet (6-3, 205, Sr.). Running duties should fall to Robert Rossfeld (6-0, 185, Jr.) and Chase Peterson (5-10, 175, Jr.).

In the trenches, Fountain Hills counts on OT/OLB Devin Strong (6-1, 220, Sr.), C/DT Conor Ruppert (5-10, 240, Jr.), OL/DE Mike Casillo (6-2, 205, Sr.) and OL Bob Row (6-1, 195, Sr.) to rally the troops. Altogether, 17 lettermen are available from last year's 8-4 squad.

FLORENCE is gaining enrollment at record pace; now the Gophers have to adjust to life in the 3A ranks. The competition is



The play of quarterback Jason Fairfield at Fountain Hills gives the Falcons a legitimate chance for 3A honors.

fierce, but the 2007 Gophers could be up to the challenge.

Despite an unimpressive 2-8 ledger in 2006, many opposing coaches believe Florence could be tough this time out. Coach Shawn Cluff welcomes back 17 lettermen – including 12 starters.

A half-dozen players – QB Cash Clemans (5-10, 155), REC/DB Andy Martinez (5-9, 165), TB/LB Larry Andersen (5-9, 170), REC/LB Alfred Woods (6-2, 185), OL/DL Mickey Tryon (6-3, 225) and FB/LB Chase Simon (5-8, 185) – are mentioned by Cluff as his foundation for this year's team.

Clemans runs the offense well. Andersen is the quickest. Simon is the lone junior in that group.

Plenty of returning tackles and running backs for Coach Josh Anderson at **PAYSON**.

The veteran linemen include honors candidate Scott Andrus (6-2, 265, Sr.), Matt Wilson (6-6, 260, Jr.) and Bryan Burke (6-5, 230, Jr.).

Carrying the pigskin will be B.J. Hill (5-11, 155, Sr.), David Carlen (6-2, 205, Jr.), Shane Keith (6-2, 180, Jr.) and Brandon Alexander (5-9, 165, So.).

A dozen lettermen are back from the team that won four and lost six last fall. Other mainstays include WR/DB Zach

Brooks (6-1, 165, Sr.), QB/LB Ridge Halenar (5-11, 190, Jr.) and WR/DB Tyler Savage (6-2, 195, Jr.).

"We will be young and have a limited number of players with varsity experience," says **GLOBE** head mentor Mike O'Neal. The Tigers do have a dozen varsity veterans on the side as the season begins; those players helped record a 6-4 slate in 2006.

He's heavy with experienced skill-position players like RB/DB Brady Wager (6-0, 180, Jr.), WR/DB Colten Phillips (6-0, 175, Sr.), RB/DB Tober Francom (5-11, 200, Sr.), RB/LB Nathaniel Smith (5-9, 170, Jr.), TE/DE Brian Burgener (6-0, 185, Sr.) and WB/LB Damon Valencia (5-8, 170, Jr.).

Globe's number one returnee on the line is two-way standout Manny Bejarano (6-0, 205, Jr.).

Will Coach Mike Welch and his young **ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS** Wolves enjoy more success this campaign? With a lofty group of 26 lettermen ready to take the field, the Wolves could easily top last year's 2-8 mark.

Pacing the offensive attack will be RB David Ford (5-10, 162, Sr.), QB Corey Martin (6-0, 178, Sr.), RB Dalton Miller (6-0, 181, Sr.) and RB Crocket Colbert (5-10, 172, Jr.).

Battling the big boys up front will be OL Devon Caufman (6-0, 282, Sr.), OL/DE Riley Gannon (6-0, 184, Sr.), OL Eric Brettner (5-11, 271, Sr.), DE Jeff Curry (6-0, 204, Sr.), DL Miguel Miller (5-11, 238, Sr.) and DL Benny Ramirez (6-0, 240, Sr.).

Coach Al Ocampo is into his second year on the job at **SANTA CRUZ**. The 2006 campaign left room for improvement (2-8), and that's the Dust Devils' mission for 2007.

Seniors Pat Carn (6-1, 190), Mike Guerrero (5-11, 190), Josh Leja (5-8, 175) and Ed Brady (5-8, 150) comprise a nice set of running backs. Bo Sanchez (5-7, 150, Sr.) and DJ Montijo (5-10, 160, Sr.) are the primary receivers.

The leaders in the line are Miguel Cazares (6-1, 250, Sr.), Mike Lujan (5-11, 180, Sr.) and Bruno Torey (5-8, 150, Sr.).

Our favorite at the 2A level is Jim Rattay's squad at **PHOENIX CHRISTIAN**. Now in his sixth year with the Cougars, Rattay has an impressive coaching record of 51 wins versus 12 losses. His Cougars were



Valley Christian's Troy Roffi takes the handoff against Thatcher in last year's 2A State Championship contest. Roffi should be one of the better running backs at the 2A level in 2007 (Paynter Pics).

11-2 last year and return nine starters from that club. So that winning percentage might just go up a few more points.

As with most good programs, the 2007 Cougars have a good balance of experienced players. They're certainly strong in the lines, thanks to the likes of OG/DE Josh Terry (6-3, 230, Sr.), OG/MLB Chuck Hall (6-0, 200, Sr.), OT/DT Matt Scovler (6-2, 240, Jr.) and OT/DT Brandon Hale (64, 320, Jr.).

Manning the posts in the offensive backfield will be QB Naje Singelton (6-0, 190, Jr.), RB JR Jarrett (6-0, 180, Sr.) and RB Bobby Calvin (5-11, 190, So.). All are highly respected. Singelton should have a big year behind the center. Calvin is the quickest on the team with 4.5 speed.

Rattay has a nice group of receivers too, namely TE Ethan Hageness (6-2, 190, Jr.), WR Dillon Volcan (6-3, 180, So.) and WR Nic Fulin (5-10, 175, Sr.).

Keep an eye on junior Nate DeSantiago (5-10, 175); he'll see action at rover on defense and quite possibly several positions in the Cougar offensive attack.

Of course, **VALLY CHRISTIAN** will be in the picture. After winning the 2A crown in 2005, the Trojans made it back to the big game in 2006, falling to Thatcher by a 42-20 count.

Valley Christian has been nearly perfect since Bill Morgan assumed the head coaching position. In fact, that loss to Thatcher is the Trojans' lone defeat in two years. They're 24-1 in that time period.

Morgan has just five starters returning from last year's team. The best could be RB/SS Troy Roffi, a 6-1, 195-pound senior. He figures to gain big chunks of yardage for the Trojans in 2007.

It won't hurt to have blockers like TE Nick Dwyer (6-8, 270, Sr.), OL John Kredit (6-6, 270, Sr.), OL Davis Voss (6-0, 180, Jr.) and OL Jonathan Durst (5-10, 170, Sr.) leading the way.

Austin Foley (5-10, 175, Sr.) is back from an injury in 2006; he'll get some carries. Fullbacks Anthony Kereluk (5-10, 180, So.) and Brock Longanecker (5-9, 160, Jr.) will also play important roles.

The nod at quarterback should go to junior Steven Sasso (6-2, 175), while senior Garrett Brown (6-0, 190) is the top returnee at linebacker.

Big tackle Brian Mundstock (6-3, 260) and signal caller James Mueller (6-0, 170) – both seniors – lead a group of 16 varsity letterwinners back at **ARIZONA LUTHERAN**.

Phoenix Metro 2A Top 10

1) Phoenix Christian Cougars	Rattay After Another State Title
2) Valley Christian Trojans	Excellent Again
3) Arizona Lutheran Coyotes	13 Regulars Returning
4) Bourgade Catholic Golden Eagles	24 Lettermen Back
5) Hayden Lobos	12-1 a Year Ago
6) Scottsdale Christian Eagles.....	Explosive Offensive Attack
7) Miami Vandals.....	Roland Leads Strong Group
8) Northwest Christian Crusaders	Looking for Winning Season
9) Canyon State Rams	Regaining Old-Time Strength
10) San Carlos Braves	Coach Franco Has 35 Veterans Available

Although the Coyotes were just 6-5 in 2006, there's a great chance they'll be much improved in 2007. Remember Coach Doug Meyer and crew reached the 2A Championship Game two years ago.

Additionally, TE/LB John Akers (6-2, 215, Sr.) and RB/CB Jordan Burmeister (6-2, 185, Sr.) are excellent players.

Leaders in the line include OG/DE Billy Walters (6-0, 190, Sr.), OG/DE Ryan Gelner (6-0, 220, Sr.), C/DT Kenton Varkapich (6-0, 205, Sr.) and OT/DT Mathew Morrison (6-1, 210, Sr.).

Christian Merkle (5-8, 165, Sr.) and Josh Winterstein (5-9, 160, Sr.) will share ball-carrying duties with Burmeister.

Back for his second year at **BOURGADE CATHOLIC** is Coach Kent Lavine. The Golden Eagles (7-5) weren't bad at all in 2006, but they should surpass that mark this fall. Lavine has 24 lettermen – including 13 starters – still available from that club. Members of a 6-2 JV are also on hand.

The offense features QB Michael Vyles (5-10, 165, Sr.), RB Joe Alcocer (6-0, 205, Jr.), RB Kris Keeton (5-8, 155, Sr.), WR Jeff Marshall (5-10, 160, Sr.), WR Tyler Comella (5-10, 160, Jr.), OL Zach Dishmon (6-2, 245, Sr.), C Daniel Casey (6-0, 210, Jr.) and OL Tommy Paz (5-11, 225, Jr.). Each of these players will see duty on defense too.

Senior kicker Justin Magdaleno (5-10, 155) could win a game or two with his powerful leg.

Things are rolling at **HAYDEN**, where Coach John Estrada guided his Lobos to a great 12-1 record last year, while the JV was finishing with an unblemished 7-0-1 slate.

A half-dozen key performers – RB/LB Joseph Lopez (5-10, 190, Sr.), C/LB Alejandro Estrada (5-10, 180, Sr.), QB/CB Rudy Figueroa (5-9, 170, Sr.), RB/FS Ramon Figueroa (5-8, 170, Sr.), OG/DT Esteban Gallego (6-0, 200, Sr.) and OT/DT Chris Martinez (6-3, 230, Jr.) – are expected to shine for Hayden this time out.

SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN could surprise a few folks this season. A trio of running backs – senior Ryan Tully (6-1, 200), senior Kelly Shortridge (5-9, 200) and junior Taylor Barnes (5-8, 175) – will join forces with QB Jeff Matney (5-9, 190, Jr.) and WR Mark Hopkins (5-8, 155, Sr.) to give the Eagles some offensive firepower.

Altogether, 11 regulars are back for Coach Jeff Fox, whose team won four and dropped six last year. Two-way linemen Jim Crowell (6-2, 260, Sr.) and Mike Munsil (6-1, 235, Jr.) are invaluable.

The Vandals of **MIAMI** were on the right side of the ledger (5-4) last year and Coach George Medrano hopes to build on that. A very solid group of 20 letterwinners are back from that team, including the likes of RB/REC/DB Cam Roland (6-2, 180, Sr.), QB/DB Chris Randall (6-0, 175, Sr.), RB/LB Austin Colman (6-0, 190, Jr.) and OL/DL Jeb Melcher (5-10, 210, Jr.). Roland is very quick (4.6) and is a player to watch.

Phoenix Metro 1A Top 5

1) Mayer Wildcats	.....	Back to Defend Their 1A State Title
2) Orme School Warriors	.....	TB/LB Yoon Kim Big-Time Player
3) Valley Lutheran Flames	.....	A Dozen Lettermen Back for Coach Wolf
4) Salt River Eagles	.....	Could Contend for the Playoffs
5) Gila Bend Gila Monsters	.....	New to Eight-Man Football

The offensive line, in particular, is very well stocked. Besides Melcher, Medrano expects big years from Lewis McIntosh (5-10, 230, Sr.), Lawrence Sweat (6-2, 260, Jr.), Gregg Marin (5-9, 210, Jr.), Robert McGauhay (6-3, 260, So.) and Ethan Lopez (6-0, 190, Jr.).

Junior Chris Marin (5-7, 170) has good speed (4.7) and will contribute at running back and defensive back.

Head mentor Derek Wahlstrom welcomes back 23 lettermen at **NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN**. The Crusaders need a bounce-back year, since they wound up 3-6 in 2006.

Clearly, the best veteran lineman is Preston Linser, a bruising 6-3, 240-pound stalwart on both lines. He's a senior. Supporting Linser on the O-Line are seniors Omar Espiritu (5-10, 270) and Ryan Peiffer (5-9, 230).

Skill-position regulars like WR Adam Mossbrucker (6-2, 170, Jr.), WR/DB Bobby Priest (5-10, 165, Sr.), QB Jacob Franz (6-0, 175, Sr.), WR Brad Harper (6-3, 175, Sr.), WR/DB John Kortman (5-10, 160, Sr.), WR/DB Josh Estes (5-8, 140, Sr.) and RB/LB Nathan Warner (5-10, 170, Sr.) are all capable of high-production campaigns.

Others to watch are DL Bradley Andrews (5-10, 170, Sr.), RB/LB Joe Woosley (5-10, 165, Sr.), LB/OL Zach Papuga (5-10, 165, Sr.), DB/KR/WR Nathan Tyson (5-10, 155, Sr.) and WR/DB Troy Wiegel (5-10, 160, Jr.).

SAN CARLOS is not hurting in the experience department. An amazing 35 lettermen return for Coach Marcos Franco.

Powerful fullback James Phillips, a 5-9, 210-pound senior, will battle for yardage. He's also a major player on defense from his linebacker slot.

The Braves will also rely on OL/LB Ryan Jones (5-10, 190, Sr.), OG/DL Michael Beton (5-11, 240, Sr.), RB/CB Kevin Goode (5-8, 160, Sr.), OT/DT Ethan Randall (6-3, 300, Sr.), RB/LB Kenny Nash (5-8, 160, Sr.), FB/LB Virgil Long (5-10, 180, Jr.), OT/DE Josh Dillon (6-2, 220, Jr.), OT/DT Herschel Elthie (5-9, 215, Jr.) and QB/LB Nathan Perry (5-10, 200, Sr.) to help put some wins on the board this year.

MAYER has 11 letterwinners back from its 1A State Championship team of a year ago. That group includes four returning regulars.

They are B/DB Aaron Want (5-9, 155, Jr.), OL/DE Jon Langdon (6-2, 230, Sr.), B/LB Luke O'Sullivan (5-10, 170, Sr.) and OL/DL Justin Van Horne (5-9, 175, Sr.).

Rick Lashley is the new head coach, after serving previously as an assistant for the Wildcats. Repeating an undefeated, state championship season is a daunting task, but Mayer has a fine football program. And they just might do it.

Senior TB/LB Yoon Kim (6-1, 210) leads a nice contingent of veterans back in uniform at **ORME**. The Warriors were okay in 2006, finishing with a 4-5 ledger. Better days are just ahead.

Besides Kim, the offense features TE Aлиka Lemmon (6-5, 185, So.), FB J'Artagnon Coney-Robinson (5-8, 160, Sr.) and TB Spencer Sutherland (6-0, 155, Sr.), in addition to linemen Julian Gradhoff (6-3, 235, Sr.), Buddy Murray (5-11, 295, Sr.) and Michael Lonney (5-10, 175, Sr.).

Junior cornerback Chris Erickson (5-9, 150) is a playmaker in the secondary.

Head Coach Bob Wolf has a dozen lettermen to use as a foundation for a good team at **VALLEY LUTHERAN**.

The Flames could be proficient in the passing game, with the likes of QB Jacob Krause throwing the pigskin. Krause is a 6-3, 190-pound senior.

His primary targets figure to be WR Ben Fontes (6-3, 175, Jr.), TE John Olivarez (5-10, 150, Sr.) and TE Aaron Krause (5-9, 160, So.).

When Valley Lutheran runs the ball, Adam Smith (6-1, 195, Sr.), Adam Wolf (5-11, 165, Sr.), Cliff Tubbs (5-8, 160, Sr.) and Austin Cook (5-10, 202, So.) will be highlighted.

Two-way linemen Zack Plucas (5-10, 180, Sr.), Chris Osborn (6-3, 265, Jr.), Craig Bear (6-1, 245, Sr.) and Ian MacMillan (5-10, 165, So.) will handle the physical play in the trenches.

"We are new to 1A football, but I am sure there are many talented players for us to get to know," says **GILA BEND** Head Coach Rich Metcalf.

For his Gila Monsters to have success, the following players will have to have solid seasons: RB/LB Ed Gonzalez (5-10, 165, Sr.), WR/LB Luis Rodriguez (6-0, 175, Sr.), OL/DL Pete Nevarez (5-10, 200, Sr.), WR/DB Wyatt Perry (6-0, 155, Sr.), RB/LB Arsenio Onofre (5-8, 165, Jr.), OL/DL Israel Herrera (5-11, 215, Sr.), OL/DL Ryan Gonzalez (5-10, 160, Jr.), QB/DB Freddie Burkhardt (5-10, 155, So.) and WR/DB Luis Ortiz (5-7, 145, So.).

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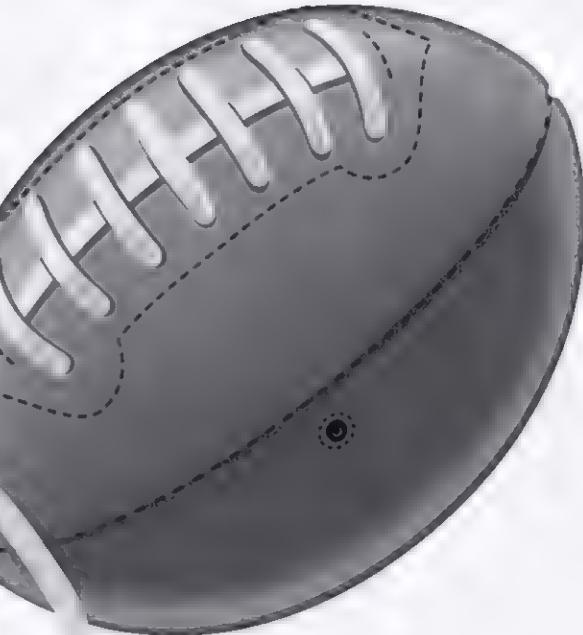
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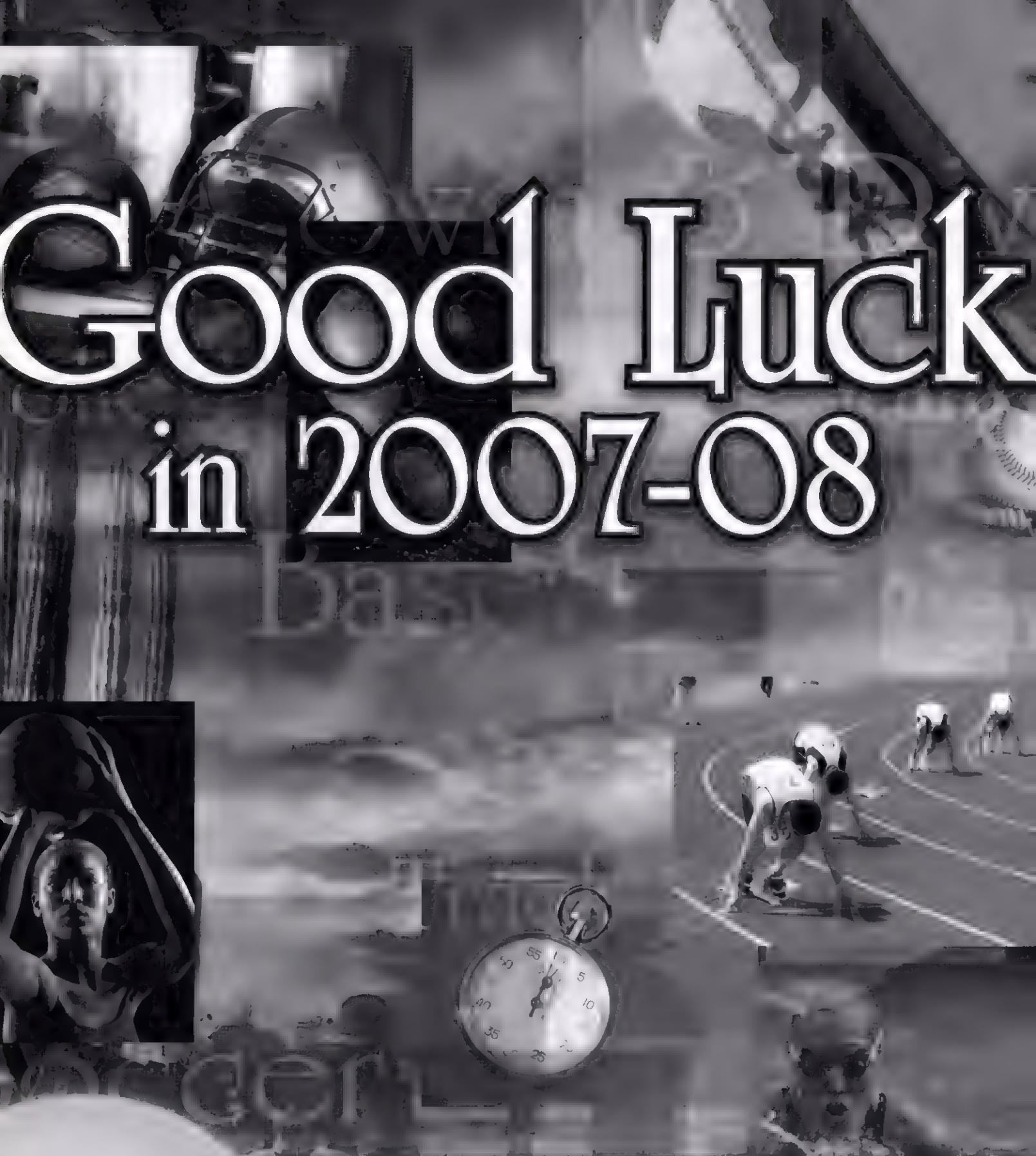


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By David Kukulski

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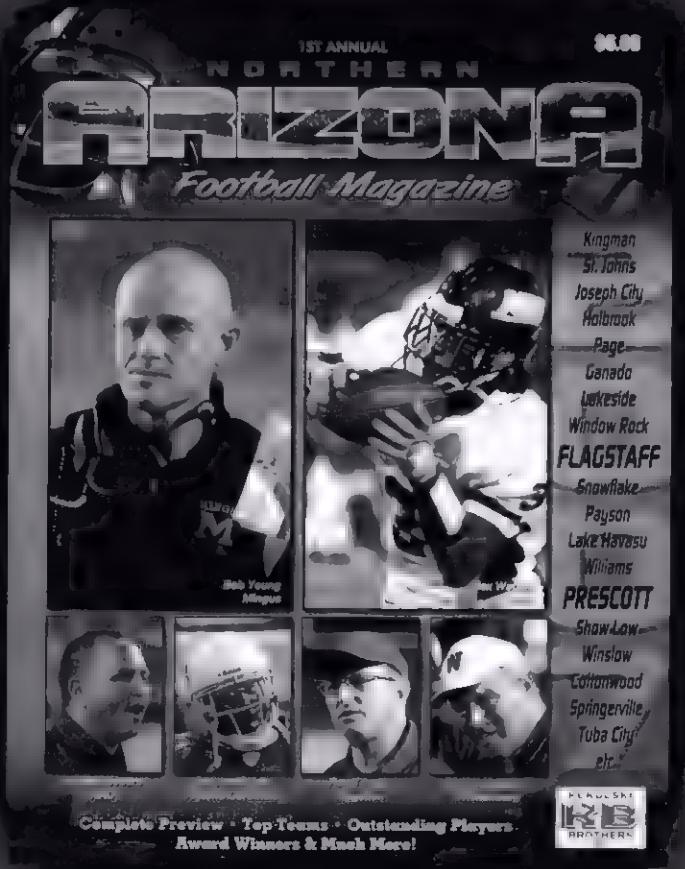
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Northwest Christian (387), Phoenix Country Day (260), Scottsdale Christian (376), Valley Christian (410)

EAST

Benson (414), Bisbee (396), Desert Christian (242), Morenci (273), Thatcher (407), Tombstone (362), Willcox (487)

NORTH

Greyhills (488), Hopi (557), Many Farms (449), Pinon (379), Red Mesa (362), Rough Rock (246), St. Johns (348), Valley (395)

SOUTH

Baboquivari (297), Hayden (145), Miami (366), Pusch Ridge Christian (397), Ray (222), San Carlos (363), San Manuel (350), Superior (157)

WEST

Antelope (394), Arizona Lutheran (187), Bourgade Catholic (411), Phoenix Christian (329), Precision (733), Tonopah Valley (335), Westwind Prep (280), Yuma Catholic (364)

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EAST

Bowie (24), Cibecue (126), Clifton (41), Duncan (148), East Fork (77), Ft. Thomas (182), Pima (188), San Simon (48)

NORTH

Ash Fork (71), Beaver Dam (129), Fredonia (129), Grand Canyon (81), Joseph City (156), Mogollon (199), Music Mountain (45), Northland Prep (178), Rock Point (181), Seligman (43), Shonto Prep (139), St. Michael (144), Williams (232)

SOUTH

Academy of Tucson (173), Ajo (162), ASDB (129), Gila Bend (156), Green Fields (78), Immaculate Heart (60), Lourdes Catholic (97), Patagonia (85), St. Augustine (112), St. David (149), St. Gregory (188), Tanque Verde (190), Tohono O'odham (82), Valley Union (165)

WEST

Bagdad (99), Joy Christian (150), Mayer (207), PDSO (58), Salome (131), Salt River (210), San Pasqual (171), St. Paul's (92), Surrey Garden (68), Tempe Prep (211), Orme (155), Valley Lutheran (148), Verde Valley (118), Veritas Prep (138)

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1999	Ron Estabrook, Chaparral
1998	Jim Rattay, Desert Vista
1997	Bob Young, Mingus Union
1996	Paul Moro, Blue Ridge
1995	Richard Gray, Arizona Boys Ranch
1994	Doug Shaffer, Horizon
1993	Mike Morgan, St. Johns
1992	Jim Beall, Snowflake
1991	Tom Wheatley, Agua Fria
1990	Jeff Scurran, Sabino
1989	Gary Venturo, Corona del Sol
1988	Jerry Loper, Westwood
1987	Mike Clark, Dobson
1986	Jim Rattay, Mesa
1985	Jim Bevell, Chaparral
1984	Pat Farrell, St. Mary's
1983	Jesse Parker, Mesa Mountain View
1982	Earl Putman, Moon Valley
1981	Richard Gray, Horizon
1980	Karl Kiefer, McClintock
1979	Vern Friedli, Amphitheater
1978	Dan Dunn, Gilbert
1977	Jim Russum, Casa Grande
1976	Ed Anderson, Coronado
1975	Jerry Loper, Amphitheater



Centennial's Richard Taylor

1974	Bill Epperson, Coconino
1973	Van Howe, Palo Verde
1972	Harvey Keeney, Miami
1971	Ollie Mayfield, Tucson
1970	Ed Hubbard, Pima
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Adam Hanson '07; Mitch Hershkowitz '09;

Adam Holzmeister '09; Anthony Hooks '08;

Jason Hoover '08; Will Hubbard '08; Daniel Juarez '08;

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Andrew Lucas '07; Hank Mackey '08; Drew Maggi '08;

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Steve Pursley '07; Adrian Quinones '07; Cesar Rivera '08;

Mike Rizzo '08; Brent Roberts '07; James Robson '07;

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 2002 Jason Murietta, Ironwood
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 TIE Kellen Bradley, Scottsdale Saguaro
 2000 Mike Nixon, Sunnyslope (jr)
 1999 John Beck, Mesa Mountain View
 1998 John Rattay, Desert Vista (jr)
 1997 Richard Lucero, South Mountain
 1996 Todd Mortenson, Tempe
 1995 Ryan Kealy, St. Mary's
 1994 Chris Snyder, Sunnyslope
 1993 Jason Maas, Yuma
 1992 Jason Verdugo, Canyon del Oro
 1991 Anthony Sanders, Santa Rita
 1990 Grady Benton, Mesa
 1989 Aaron Santini, Santa Rita
 1988 Bret Powers, Cactus
 1987 John Bonds, St. Mary's
 1986 Bobby Valdez, Sunnyside
 1985 Kent Kiefer, McClintock
 1984 Steve Belles, St. Mary's
 1983 John Walker, Marcos de Niza
 1982 Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuarro (jr)
 1981 Steve Stallworth, Yuma
 1980 Trent Hutchinson, South Mountain
 1979 Lloyd Coker, Central
 1978 Kevin Smith, Scottsdale Saguaro (jr)
 1977 Mike Page, Washington
 1976 Greg Brady, Coronado
 1975 Jim Krohn, Amphitheater
 1974 Cary Palmer, Mesa
 1973 Rob Wilson, Coronado
 1972 Greg Hubbell, Central
 1971 Fred Mortensen, Tempe
 1970 Fred Mortensen, Tempe (jr)
 1969 Danny White, Westwood
 1968 Bill Mannion, St. Mary's
 1967 Ken Johnson, Arcadia (jr)
 1966 John Svob, Catalina
 1965 George Mattingly, Arcadia
 1964 Dave Grangaard, Camelback
 1963 Rusty Tillman, Agua Fria
 1962 Tim Flood, Brophy Prep
 1961 Elby Bushong, Washington
 1960 Gary Deak, Arcadia
 1959 Eddie Bricker, Miami
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ARIZONA'S High School QUARTERBACK of the Year



PHILLIP AHOLT

Arizona High School Quarterback of the Year, Phillip Aholt, was selected by the editorial staff of the Phoenix Metro, Northern Arizona and Southern Arizona Football Magazines. He is pictured here with Cactus Shadows Head Football Coach Chad DeGrenier (left).



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Fri., Nov. 17th

Fri., Dec. 1st

Sat., Dec. 9th

Mesa Mt. View (#1)

Casa Grande (#16)

Corona del Sol (#8)

Desert Vista (#9)

Brophy Prep (#5)

Gilbert (#12)

Chandler (#4)

St. Mary's (#13)

Basha (#3)

Highland (#14)

Salpointe Catholic (#6)

Mesa (#11)

Red Mountain (#7)

Horizon (#10)

Hamilton (#2)

Mountain Ridge (#15)

Mesa Mt. View

(57-7)

Mesa Mt. View

(28-21)

Desert Vista

(42-7)

Brophy Prep

(34-6)

Chandler

(35-19)

Chandler

(49-20)

Basha

(14-10)

Salpointe

(28-7)

Horizon

(24-20)

Hamilton

(46-21)

McClintock HS
7:00 pm

Mesa Mt. View

(22-7)

Univ. of Phoenix
Stadium
5:00pm

Hamilton

(34-15)

Hamilton

(34-8)

Chandler HS
7:00 pm

Hamilton

(42-7)



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Fri., Nov. 10th

Fri., Nov. 17th

Fri., Nov. 24th

Sat., Dec. 2nd

Centennial (#1)

Shadow Mountain (#16)

Centennial

(34-0)

Deer Valley (#8)

Goldwater

Centennial

(49-7)

Barry Goldwater (#9)

Goldwater

(29-28)

Peoria (#5)

Peoria

South Mountain (#12)

(56-27)

Central (#4)

Tolleson

Tolleson (#13)

(45-17)

North Canyon (#3)

North Canyon

Paradise Valley (#14)

(21-10)

Ironwood (#6)

MDN

Marcos de Niza (#11)

(32-13)

Westview (#7)

Westview

Marana Mt. View (#10)

(35-19)

Sunnyside (#2)

Sunnyside

Desert Ridge (#15)

(54-14)

Glendale CC
7:00 pm

Centennial
(51-7)

Univ. of Phoenix
Stadium
5:00 pm

Centennial
(34-0)

MDN

(13-10)

Flowing Wells HS
7:00 pm

Sunnyside
(21-14)

Sunnyside

(13-3)



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Familiar Names Dominate 2006 Finals

But Newcomers Centennial, Cactus Shadows Emerge as First-Time Champs



It's off to the races for Coolidge running back T.J. White (#3) in the Bears' 28-21 victory over Wickenburg in the 3A title game. Cactus Shadows wide receiver Kyle Watkins (#44) turned in one of the most dynamic performances in Arizona football state finals history, grabbing 21 passes, as the Falcons upended Higley, 28-14, in the 4A-2 finale (Paynter Pics).

By David Kukulski

If you follow prep football in Arizona, you're familiar with the teams from Hamilton, Saguaro, Coolidge, Thatcher and Mayer.

Hamilton ... the Huskies have been in the big-school finals five of the last six years, winning the top prize three times.

Saguaro ... a couple of appearances in the finals, with one state football crown before 2006.

Coolidge ... this 3A powerhouse now has seven titles in 10 championship games ... will be going for a Three-Peat in 2007.

Thatcher ... six championships in eight

title game appearances ... the Eagles constantly battle for 2A honors.

Mayer ... two championships, seven finales in school history for the Wildcats.

So, when the 2006 season ended and the AIA awarded these clubs their beautiful trophies, it was a terrific accomplishment.

It was a proud moment in school history.

But, for the administrators, faculty, students, coaches, players and fans at Centennial and Cactus Shadows, last season was a breakthrough year.

You see, the Coyotes and Falcons, respectively, had never walked away with a state championship trophy in football before.

Not only that, but Coach Richard Taylor at Centennial and Coach Chad DeGrenier at Cactus Shadows guided their teams to perfect seasons – Centennial was 14-0 and Cactus Shadows finished 15-0. The only other undefeated prep football team last year was 1A champ Mayer.

So, congratulations to all seven champions. You gave us a lot of thrills in 2006. The quality of play continues to improve in the Grand Canyon State.

And, to Centennial and Cactus Shadows, welcome to the party! Now the fun really starts – trying to defend those titles.

Let the games begin!

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was selected by the editorial staff of the Phoenix Metro, Northern Arizona and Southern Arizona Football Magazines. He is pictured here with Apollo Head Football Coach Zack Threadgill (left).



2006Prince Amukamara, Apollo
2005Kyle Williams, Chaparral
2004Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley
2003Keogen Herring, Peoria (jr)
2002Marcus Thomas, Tolleson
2001Randy Hill, McClintock
2000Mike Bell, Tolleson
1999Terrell Suggs, Hamilton
1998Bobby Wade, Desert Vista
1997Nathan Wize, Sabino
1996Kyran Jones, Peoria (jr)
1995Mike Brown, Scottsdale Saguaro
1994Tavon Cooper, Peoria
1993Robert Holcombe, Mesa
1992Mike Mitchell, Brophy Prep
1991Chris Hopkins, Salpointe
1990Mario Bates, Amphitheater
1989Brian Drew, McClintock
1988Michael Bates, Amphitheater
1987Kevin Balbreath, Maryvale
1986Reggie McGill, St. Mary's
1985Cleveland Colter, Jr., McClintock
1984David Winsley, Flagstaff (jr)
1983Paul Kasprzyk, Mesa Mountain View
1982Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria
1981Stan Gill, Flagstaff

1980Fred Sims, Sunnyside
1979Fred Sims, Sunnyside (jr)
1978Mike Cado, Santa Cruz
1977Alvin Moore, Coolidge
1976Willard Reeves, Coconino
1975Brian Felix, Phoenix Union
1974David Mitchell, St. Mary's (jr)
1973Ronnie Zonner, Westwood (jr)
1972Jesse Parker, Rincon
1971Manuel Jones, Phoenix Union
1970Don Washington, Agua Fria (jr)
1969Benny Malone, Santa Cruz
1968Joe Petroshus, Tucson
1967Tim Smith, St. Mary's
1966Bob Soza, Westwood
1965Art Malone, Santa Cruz
1964Leroy Peoples, Marana
1963James Dugan, Flagstaff
1962Everett "Moose" Rollins, Arcadia
1961Andy Livingston, Mesa
1960Jim Sims, Tucson
1959Bob Olson, South Mountain
1958Lewis Albright, Scottsdale
1957Clay Freney, Globe
1956Warren Livingston, Mesa
1955George Greathouse, Phoenix Union

4A-1 State Championship Bracket

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Fri., Nov. 10th

Fri., Nov. 17th

Fri., Dec. 1st

Sat., Dec. 9th

Sabino (#1)

McClintock (#16)

Ironwood Ridge (#8)

Canyon Del Oro (#9)

Chaparral (#5)

Apollo (#12)

Cienega (#4)

Marana (#13)

Saguaro (#3)

Nogales (#14)

Cactus (#6)

Sahuaro (#11)

Independence (#7)

Prescott (#10)

Agua Fria (#2)

Rincon (#15)

Sabino

(42-0)

Sabino

(42-3)

Ironwood R.

(20-0)

Chaparral

(35-28 OT)

Cienega

(41-27)

Saguaro

(42-14)

Cactus

(34-33)

Prescott

(20-13)

Agua Fria

(49-17)

Tucson HS
7:00 pm

Sabino
(24-14)

Univ. of Phoenix
Stadium
1:00 pm

Saguaro
(41-21)

Saguaro

(38-15)

SD O'Connor HS
7:00 pm

Saguaro
(56-20)

Agua Fria

(26-23 2OT)



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Fri., Nov. 17th

Fri., Nov. 24th

Sat., Dec. 2nd

Cactus Shadows (#1)

Desert Edge (#16)

C. Shadows

(45-7)

Buckeye (#8)

Queen Creek

Queen Creek (#9)

(20-0)

Mingus (#5)

Mingus

Notre Dame Prep (#12)

(41-27)

Washington (#4)

Washington

Coronado (#13)

(42-41 OT)

Arcadia (#3)

Arcadia

Glendale (#14)

(13-10)

Apache Junction (#6)

Apache Jct.

Flagstaff (#11)

(15-12)

Palo Verde (#7)

Sunnyslope

Sunnyslope (#10)

(17-14)

Higley (#2)

Higley

Bradshaw Mountain (#15)

(14-7)

C. Shadows

C. Shadows

(38-19)

C. Shadows

(35-12)

SD O'Connor HS
7:00 pm

Univ. of Phoenix
Stadium
1:00 pm

C. Shadows
(28-14)

Apache Jct.

(21-6)

Dobson HS
7:00 pm

Higley
(19-7)

Higley

(30-7)



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.....Hamilton
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.....Sunnyslope
2004CHRIS McGAHA
.....Moon Valley
2003ZACH MILLER
.....Desert Vista
2002THOMAS HUFF
.....Camelback
2001ADAM MANNON
.....Hamilton
.....JOSH JORDAN
.....Chandler (jr)
2000JUNIOR TAYLOR
.....Mesa
1999SAMMY MOORE
.....Westwood
1998BRISTOL OLOMUA
.....Red Mountain
1997JASON JENKINS
.....South Mountain
1996JUSTIN TAPLIN
.....Tempe Union
1995TARIQ McDONALD
.....St. Mary's
1994KENNY MITCHELL
.....Peoria
1993KELLY CHEATHAM
.....South Mountain
1992FREDDIE DODSON
.....Chandler
1991SIEVE BUSH
.....Paradise Valley
1990JASON BIRDSONG
.....Cactus
1989JASON BIRDSONG
.....Cactus (jr)
1988ERIC DRAGE
.....Santa Rita
1987ORLANDO MCKAY
.....Mesa
1986ERIC GULIFORD
.....Peoria (jr)



**2006 RECIPIENT KERRY TAYLOR
OF HAMILTON HIGH**

1985STEVE MARTIN
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1984TODD YOUNG
.....Marcos de Niza
1983VINCE MASTERS
.....Coolidge (jr)
1982RANDALL McDANIEL
.....Agua Fria
1981GLENN DENNARD
.....Corona del Sol
1980SKIP PFFIE
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1979JAY DOBYNS
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1978JUNIOR SOLOMON
.....Coolidge
1977CHARLES COBBS
.....Florence
1976JOHN MISTLER
.....Tucson Sahuaro
1975RON WASHINGTON
.....McClintock
1974SPUDY HART
.....St. Mary's
1973PRESTON DPNNARD
.....Marcos de Niza
1972DON WOODS
.....Mesa
1971WILLIE SCROGGINS
.....Safford
1970DARION GILBERT
.....Phoenix Union
1969LARRY SHORTY
.....Santa Cruz
1968ED WEATHERSPOON
.....Globe
1967CALVIN DEMERY
.....South Mountain
1966MIKE BOWLING
.....Agua Fria
1965BILL DIPLEY
.....Arcadia (jr)

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Saluting

JESSE WHEELER

of the Coolidge Bears



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Jesse Wheeler
is shown with
Coolidge Head Coach
Carlo Hernandez

The Pinal County Player of the Year for 2006

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3A State Championship Bracket

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Fri., Nov. 3rd

Fri., Nov. 10th

Fri., Nov. 17th

Fri., Nov. 24th

Wickenburg (W#1)

Sahuarita (S#4)

Monument Valley (N#2)

Blue Ridge (E#3)

Show Low (E#2)

Tuba City (N#3)

Seton Catholic (S#1)

Parker (W#4)

Winslow (N#1)

Snowflake (E#4)

Fountain Hills (W#2)

Safford (S#3)

Coolidge (S#2)

River Valley (W#3)

Round Valley (E#1)

Window Rock (N#4)

Wickenburg

(21-12)

Wickenburg

(26-23)

Blue Ridge

(35-14)

Show Low

(56-8)

Seton Catholic

Seton Catholic

(20-19)

(56-6)

Winslow

(39-27)

Fountain Hills

Winslow

(34-14)

(27-20)

Coolidge

(50-7)

Round Valley

(48-0)

Mesa CC
5:00 pm

Wickenburg
(28-23)

McClintock HS
7:00 pm

Coolidge
(28-21)

Coolidge
(28-24)

Mesa CC
8:00 pm

Coolidge

(50-21)



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2A State Championship Bracket

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Fri., Nov. 10th

Sat., Nov. 18th

Sat., Nov. 25th

Thatcher (E#1)

Pusch Ridge Chr. (C#3)

Thatcher

(46-6)

Camp Verde (N#2)

Camp Verde

Yuma Catholic (W#2)

(48-35)

Bisbee (E#2)

Bisbee

Arizona Lutheran (M#3)

(33-15)

Hayden (C#1)

Hayden

Williams (N#3)

(49-0)

Antelope (W#1)

Bourgade

Bourgade Catholic (M#4)

(46-21)

Valley Christian (M#1)

Valley Chr.

Willcox (E#3)

(35-6)

Phoenix Christian (M#2)

Phx Christian

San Manuel (C#2)

(54-8)

St. Johns (N#1)

St. Johns

Maricopa (W#3)

(56-7)

Thatcher

Thatcher

(45-12)

McClintock HS
2:00 pm

Thatcher

(40-7)

Thatcher

(42-20)

McClintock HS
2:00 pm

Valley Chr.

(54-20)

McClintock HS
5:00 pm

Valley Chr.

(9-6)

Phx Christian

(21-18)



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2000..... Chaz Scott, Hamilton
1999..... Marcus Thurman, Desert Vista
1998..... Bobby Wade, Desert Vista
1997..... Brandon Falkner, Peoria
1996..... Rashad Bauman, South Mountain
1995..... Mike Brown, Scottsdale Saguaro
1994..... Eric Johnson, Alhambra
1993..... Corey Hill, Sabino
1992..... Mitchell Freedman, Maryvale
1991..... James Richardson, Bradshaw Mountain (jr)
1990..... Eddie Cade, Santa Cruz
1989..... Billy Burris, Florence
1988..... Mike Salmon, Greenway
1987..... Tyrone Byrd, Chandler
1986..... Nathan LaDuke, Alhambra
1985..... Cleveland Colter Jr., McClintock
1984..... John Giaspie, Central
1983..... Anthony Parker, McClintock
1982..... Chuck Nixon, Shadow Mountain
1981..... Shawn Benson, Mesa Mountain View
1980..... George Duarte, Sunnyside (jr)
1979..... Mossy Cade, Santa Cruz
1978..... Jeff Coiter, Amphitheater
1977..... Charles Cobbs, Florence
1976..... Felix Kelson, South Mountain
1975..... David Given, McClintock
1974..... Harold Smith, Florence
1973..... Rob Wilson, Coronado
1972..... Carl Russell, McNary
1971..... Danny Smith, Safford (jr)
1970..... Derral Davis, Tucson
1969..... Dick Harris, Westwood (jr)
1968..... Joe Petroshus, Tucson
1967..... Rudy Quihuis, Pueblo
1966..... Bill Dipley, Arcadia
1965..... Bill Dipley, Arcadia (jr)
1964..... LeRoy Peoples, Marana
1963..... Earliest Nelson, South Mountain
1962..... James Dugan, Flagstaff (jr)
1961..... Elby Bushong, Washington
1960..... Luther Harper, Phoenix Union
1959..... Jim Sims, Tucson (jr)

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7:30 pm

Mogollon (N#2)

Mogollon
(52-32)

Valley Union (SE#2)

Mogollon
(52-14)

Pima (SE#1)

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7:00 pm

Mayer
(28-20)

Bagdad (C#3)

Pima
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Mayer
(52-38)

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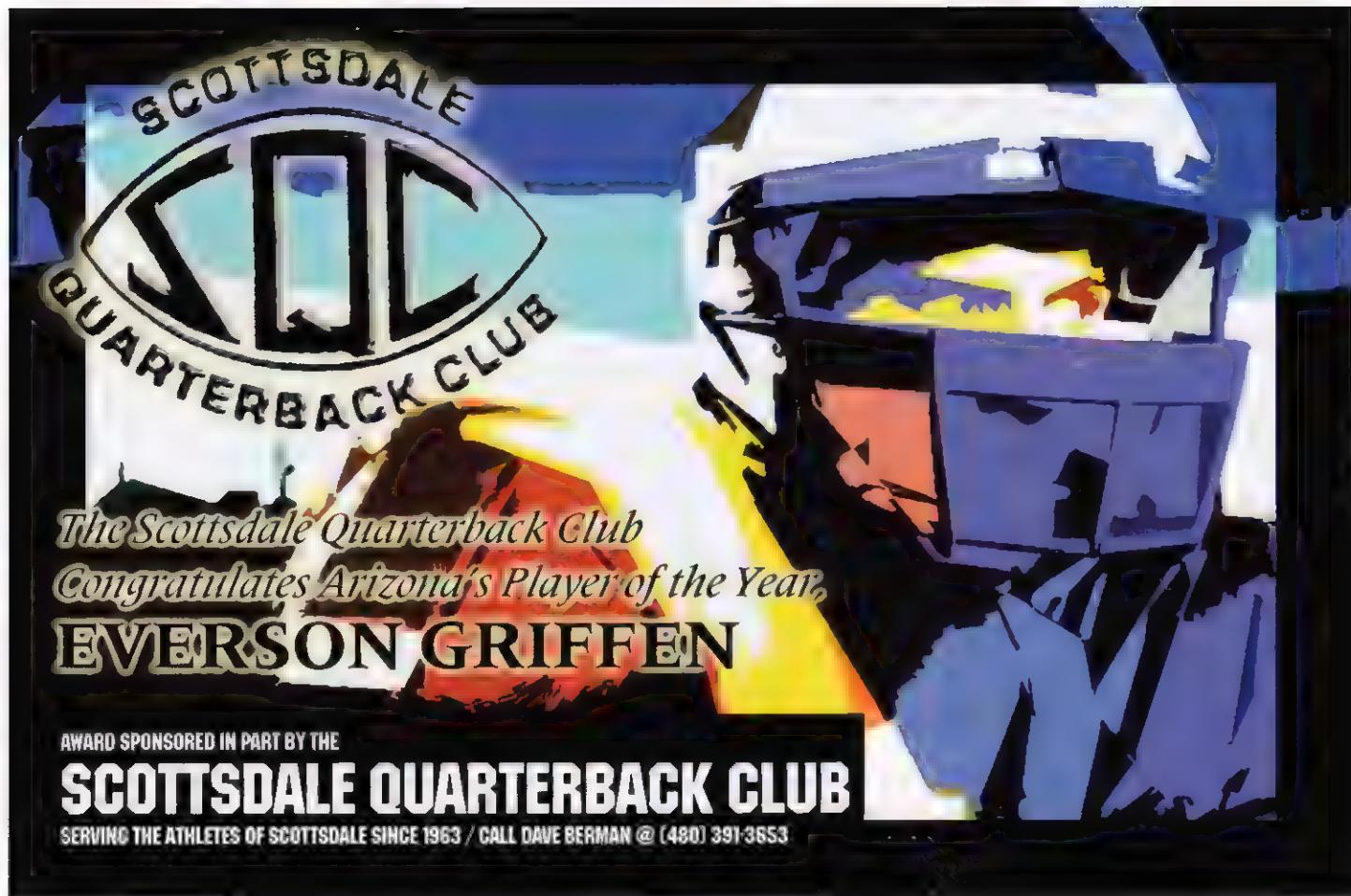
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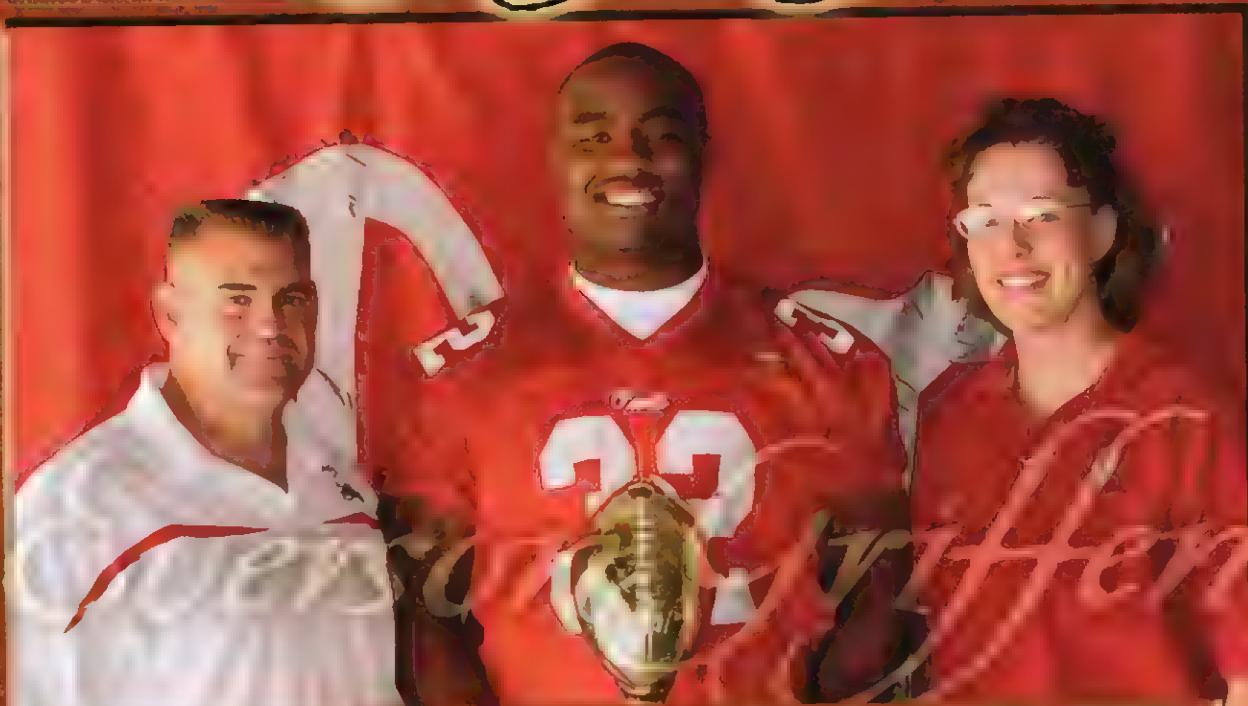
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2006 EVERSON GRIFFEN AGUA FRIA (RB DL)	1994 TAVON COOPER PEORIA (RB RS)	1982 RODNEY PEETE (JR) TUCSON SAHUARO (QB)	1972 JESSE PARKER RINCON (RB)
2005 KYLE WILLIAMS CHAPARRAL (RB/KR)	1993 KEVIN SCHMIDTKE MARANA MTN. VIEW (RB)	1981 STAN GILL FLAGSTAFF (RB)	1971 FRED MORTENSEN TEMPE (QB)
2004 MATT CLAPP PARADISE VALLEY (RB/LB)	1992 MIKE MITCHELL BROWNSBURG (RB)	1980 FRED SIMS SUNNYSIDE (RB)	1970 BILL CROWE MCCLINTOCK (LB)
2003 ZACH MILLER DESERT VISTA (TE/LB)	1991 CHRIS HOPKINS SALPOINTE (RB)	1979 MOSSY CADE SANTA CRUZ (DB)	1969 BENNY MALONE SANTA CRUZ (RB)
2002 MARCUS THOMAS TOLLESON (RB)	1990 MARIO BATES AMPHITHEATER (RB)	1978 MIKE CADE SANTA CRUZ (RB)	1968 JOE PETROSHUS TUCSON (HB)
2001 MIKE NIXON SUNNYSLOPE (QB/DB)	1989 BRIAN DREW MCCLINTOCK (RB)	1977 ALVIN MOORE COOLIDGE (TB)	1967 TIM SMITH ST. MARY'S (RB)
2000 MIKE BELL TOLLESON (RB)	1988 ERIC DRAGE SANTA RITA (WR)	TIE RIKI GRAY AMPHITHEATER (LB)	1966 BOB SOZA WESTWOOD (TB)
1999 TERRELL SUGGS HAMILTON (RB)	1987 KEVIN CALBREATH MARYVALE (RB)	1976 GREG BRADY CORONADO (QB)	TIE BILL DAWSON TUCSON (OT/DT)
1998 BOBBY WADE DESERT VISTA (RB/DB)	1986 BOBBY VALDEZ SUNNYSIDE (QB)	1975 BRIAN FELIX PHOENIX UNION (RB)	1965 ART MALONE SANTA CRUZ (TB)
1997 NATHAN WIZE SABINO (RB)	1985 CLEVELAND COLTER MCCLINTOCK (RB)	1974 DAVID MITCHELL (JR) ST. MARY'S (RB)	1964 LEROY PEOPLES MARANA (HB)
1996 JUSTIN TAPLIN TEMPE (WR/KR)	1984 STEVE BELLES ST. MARY'S (QB)	TIE JIMMY MOORE MARCOS DE NIZA (TE/DE)	1963 JAMES DUGAN FLAGSTAFF (HB DB)
1995 MIKE BROWN SCOTTSDALE SAGUARO (RB DB)	1983 ANTHONY PARKER MCCLINTOCK (RB)	1973 ROB WILSON CORONADO (QB/DB)	1962 EVERETT ROLLINS ARCADIA (HB)

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Northern Arizona Player of the Year	James Brooks, Flagstaff
Southern Arizona Player of the Year	Kris O'Dowd, Salpointe
Arizona Quarterback of the Year	Phillip Aholt, Cactus Shadows
State Running Back of the Year	Prince Amukamara, Apollo
Arizona Receiver of the Year	Kerry Taylor, Hamilton
State Lineman of the Year	Kris O'Dowd, Salpointe
Arizona Linebacker of the Year	Zach Holmes, Sunnyside
State Defensive Back of the Year	Glenn Love, Hamilton
Arizona Kicker of the Year	Alex Zendejas, Ironwood
State Underclassman of the Year	Dion Jordan, Chandler
Pinal County Player of the Year	Jesse Wheeler, Coolidge
Yuma County Player of the Year	Brandon Hall, Cibola
City Player of the Year for Chandler	Cameron Jordan, Chandler
City Player of the Year for Gilbert	Kyle Newhall-Caballero, Gilbert
City Player of the Year for Glendale	Prince Amukamara, Apollo
City Co-Player of the Year for Mesa	(tie) Ridge Nielsen, Mountain View
City Co-Player of the Year for Mesa	(tie) Riley Nielsen, Mountain View
City Player of the Year for Peoria	Tom Ramsey, Centennial
City Player of the Year for Scottsdale	Max Tabach, Saguaro
City Player of the Year for Tempe	Harrison Evens, Marcos de Niza

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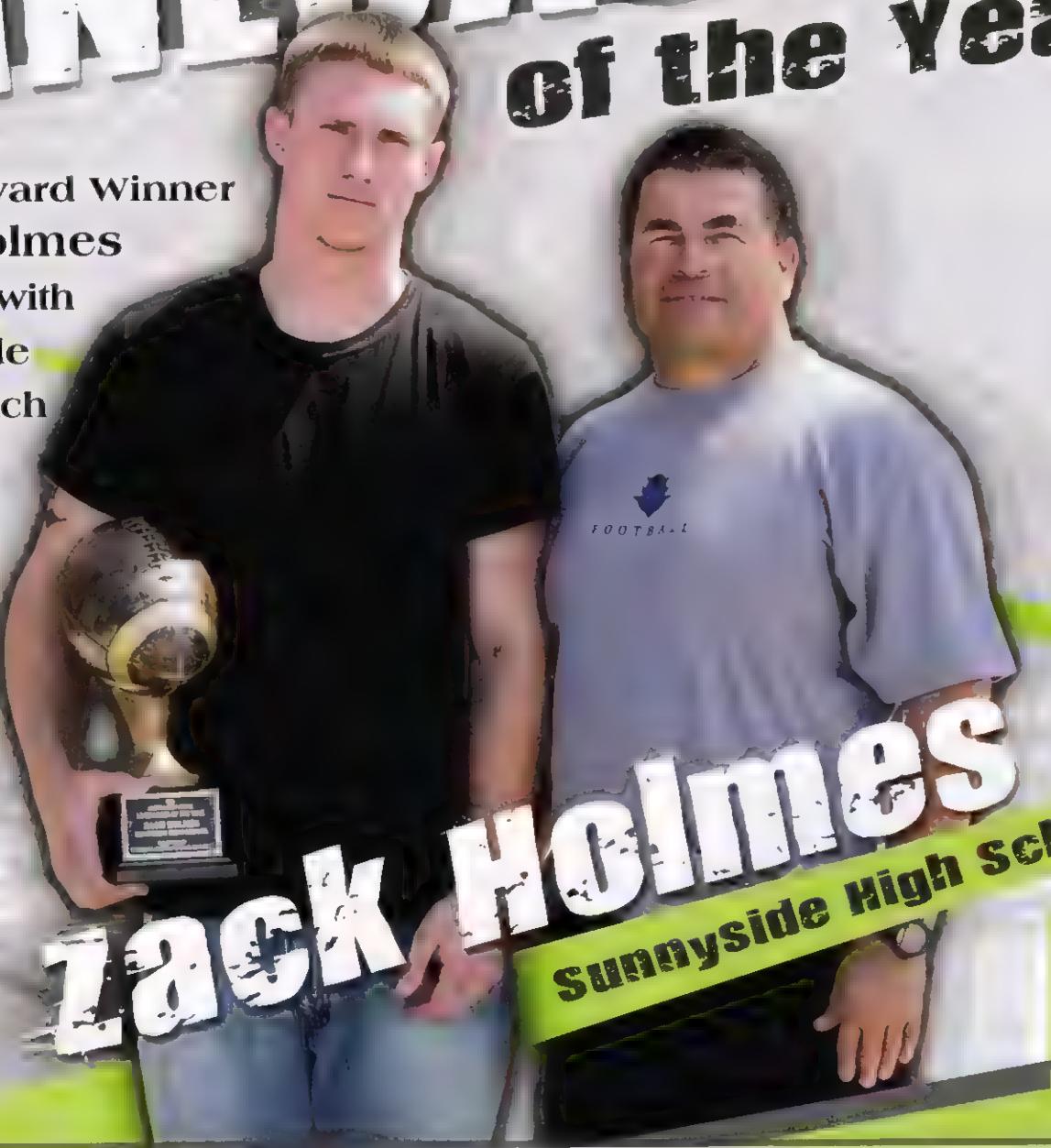
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2006 .. Zach Holmes, Sunnyside
2005 .. Gerald Munns, Hamilton
2004 .. Matt Clapp, Paradise Valley
2003 .. Zach Miller, Desert Vista
2002 .. Brent Miller, Desert Vista
2001 .. Adam Moro, Blue Ridge
2000 .. David Coronado, Sunnyside
1999 .. Austin Sendlein, Chaparral
1998 .. Brian Gaffney, Brophy Prep
1997 .. Mike Miller, Arizona Boys Ranch
1996 .. Cody Price, Westwood
1995 .. Steve Trejo, Casa Grande
1994 .. Jeff Johnson, Peoria
1993 .. Randy Hakes, Arcadia
1992 .. Jim Sprotte, Blue Ridge

1991 .. Jon McGee, Tucson Sahuarito
1990 .. Aaron Franklin, Peoria
1989 .. Daniel Taplin, Tempe
1988 .. Luke Davis, Dobson
1987 .. Jeremiah Clark, Mesa
1986 .. Odel Stewart, Buena
1985 .. Bob Davis, Mesa Mountain View
1984 .. Craig Davis, Canyon del Oro
1983 .. Tim Hicks, Sunnyslope
1982 .. Randall McDaniel, Agua Fria
1981 .. Darin Tupper, Trevor Browne
1980 .. Jimmy Williams, Tempe
1979 .. Todd Shell, Mesa Mountain View
1978 .. Kurt Whiteman, Scottsdale

1977 .. Riki Gray, Tucson
1973 .. Richard Rucker, Canyon del Oro
1972 .. Tim Petersen, Ajo
1971 .. Larry Gordon, Phoenix Union
1970 .. Bob Breunig, Alhambra
..... (TIE) Bill Crowe, McClintock
1969 .. Bill Crowe, McClintock (jr)
1968 .. Larry Delbridge, Coolidge
1967 .. Jeff Quinn, Westwood
1966 .. Jay Ray Rokey, Westwood
1965 .. Bill Owsley, North
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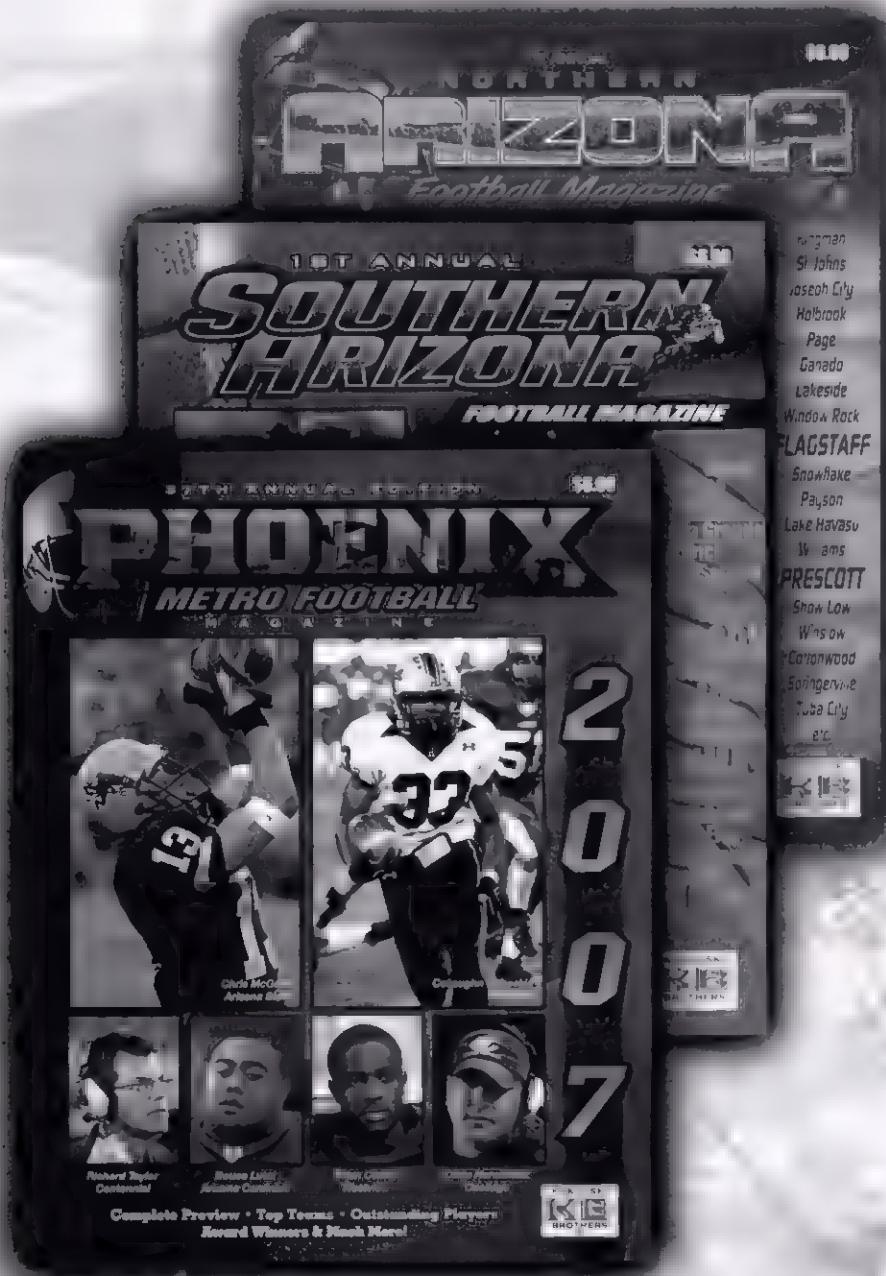
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August 31st	October 26th
Independence at Sabino	Buena at Salpointe
September 6th	November 1st
Centennial at Hamilton	Basha at Corona del Sol
September 13th	November 9th
Tempe at McClintock	Playoff Round 1
September 14th	November 16th
Sunnyside at Central	Playoff Round 2
September 20th	November 23rd
Brophy at Mountain View	(Playoff game or 2A/3A Championship)
September 27th	November 24th
Mingus at Sandra Day O'Connor	(2A/3A Championship)
September 28th	December 1st
Canyon del Oro at Cienega	(4A-2/5A-2 Championship at University of Phoenix Stadium)
October 4th	December 8th
Saguaro at Cactus Shadows	(4A-1/5A-1 Championship at University of Phoenix Stadium)
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ARIZONA'S KICKER OF THE YEAR



Arizona High School Kicker of the Year, Alex Zendejas of Ironwood High School, was selected by the editorial staff of the Phoenix Metro, Northern Arizona and Southern Arizona Football Magazines.

2006	Alex Zendejas, Ironwood
2005	Ezra Ricks, Cactus
2004	Kyle Day, Sahuarita
2003	Bubba Bradley, Cactus
2002	Esteban Bayona, Marana de Niza
2001	Erik Contos, Red Mountain
2000	Ryan Slack, Salpointe Catholic
TIE	Scott Lane, Chaparral
1999	Ramey Peru, Dobson
1998	Josh Lane, Phoenix Christian
1996	Jeremy Kelley, Mesa Mountain View
1995	Jim Sanson, St. Mary's
1994	Jim Sanson, St. Mary's
1993	Matt Belden, Glendale
1992	Marcus Williams, McClintock
1991	Matt Peyton, Tucson Salpointe
TIE	Dominic DeMark, Prescott
1990	Cole Ford, Saguaro
1989	Tony Belden, Glendale
1988	Jeff Black, Tucson Sahuaro
1987	Steve Rausch, Dobson
1986	Quin Rodriguez, Dobson
1985	Mike Cortright, St. Mary's
1984	Mike Schuh, Mesa Mountain View
1983	Phil Insalaco, Phoenix Christian
1982	Dean Roney, Winslow
1981	Richard Jones, Chaparral
1980	Sam Nacochea, Bisbee
1979	Sam Nacochea, Bisbee
1978	Tom Wood, Washington
1977	Bill Zivic, Palo Verde
1976	Kevin Rutledge, Gilbert
1975	Monte Varah, Scottsdale Saguaro
1974	Gary Williams, Blue Ridge
1973	Lee Pistor, Central
1972	Pat Whitehurst, North
1971	Pat Hawbaker, St. Mary's
1970	Jeff Hernandez, Miami
1969	Danny White, Westwood
1968	Cleveland Colter, Marana
1967	Luis Vega, Phoenix West
TIE	Marty Shuford, Scottsdale Saguaro
1966	Luis Vega, Phoenix West
1965	Jim McCann, North
1964	Ron Hendrix, Camelback
1963	Sam Maya, Glendale
1962	Tom Lindsey, Marana
1961	Tom Crater, Gilbert

Is This THE Year for the Cardinals?

WHISENHUNT TAKES OVER AS HEAD COACH

Obviously, the Cardinals didn't enjoy much success in 2006. Fans of professional football teams that win five and lose 11 have very little to celebrate, with rare exceptions.

Management wasn't too thrilled either. At season's end, Coach Dennis Green was fired and the Ken Whisenhunt era began. Certainly, Whisenhunt has a great reputation in the league, having served on the coaching staff of the Pittsburgh Steelers for the past six years. And he brought along Russ Grimm to serve as his assistant head coach; Grimm is widely regarded as one of the top offensive line coaches in football.

It isn't as though the Cardinals don't have talent. In fact, that shaky 5-11 ledger could easily have been 8-8 or better, if Arizona had just closed out some games they let get away. Bitter early-season home losses to St. Louis (16-14), Kansas City (23-20) and Chicago (24-23) left fans shaking their heads in disbelief as they exited brand-new University of Phoenix Stadium.

Can they get it right? Start with second-year quarterback Matt Leinart. Green benched veteran Kurt Warner when the club started slowly. In the middle of a devastating seven-game losing streak, Leinart got the nod. He completed nearly 57% of his passes, threw for over 2,500 yards, but finished with more interceptions (12) than touchdowns (11). Warner contributed another 1,377 yards passing, but he was far from spectacular.

Leinart must become the quarterback the Cardinals envisioned when they drafted him. And the sooner the better. Because the franchise needs a great quarterback so badly, Arizona fans are hoping Leinart can grow up quickly.

He has a great pair of wideouts in Anquan Bolden and Larry Fitzgerald. They combined for 152 receptions for 2,149 yards and 10 six-pointers in 2006. And their numbers were down! Remember Fitzgerald missed nearly half of last season due to injury. In 2005, the pair totaled 205 catches for 2,811 yards and 17 TDs.

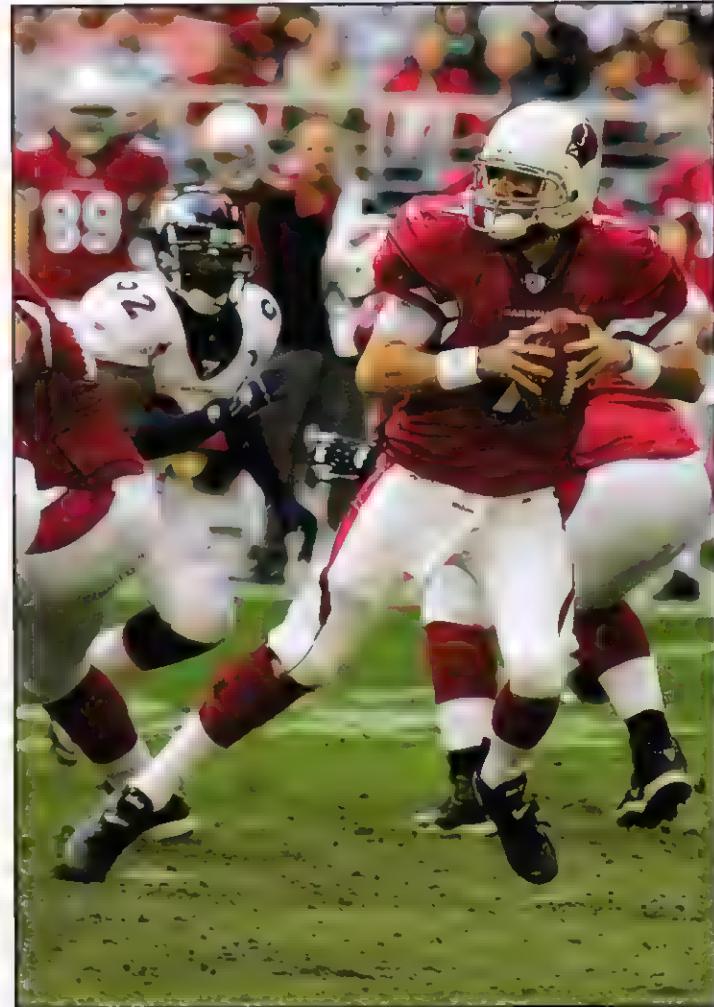
Former Indianapolis Colt Edgerrin James was signed last year to energize the rushing attack. The results were so-so. Yes, James gained his 1,000 yards, but he averaged just 3.4 yards per carry and his long-gainer of the year was 18 yards.

Everyone knows Arizona has been extremely disappointing in the offensive line. Big Leonard Davis left for Dallas and the

Cardinals brought in a couple of notable free agents (Mike Gandy and Al Johnson), along with first-round pick Levi Brown of Penn State to shore things up. It looks as though second-year pro Deuce Lutui is a keeper on the OL too. Grimm just needs to work his magic with this group.

Defensively, the Cardinals gave up 24 points and 349 yards in total offense per game. While not horrible, Whisenhunt will be looking for substantial improvement here too.

Veteran safety Adrian Wilson is a playmaker and



The Cardinals went with rookie Matt Leinart at quarterback for most of the 2006 campaign. The former Heisman Trophy winner had his moments, throwing for 2,547 yards and 11 scores. But, for Arizona to post a winning record and have a shot at the playoffs, Coach Whisenhunt and crew will need Leinart to improve on those numbers in 2007 (Paynter Pics).

was named to the Pro Bowl last season for the first time in his career. He wound up with 82 tackles, five sacks, four interceptions and two fumble recoveries on the year.

Who else will step up? Will youngsters like LB Gerald Hayes, LB Karlos Dansby, CB Antrel Rolle, DT Darnell Dockett, S Aaron Francisco, etc. get the job done? Can DE Bertrand Berry make it through a full season and avoid major injuries? Defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast was retained by Whisenhunt and is widely respected.

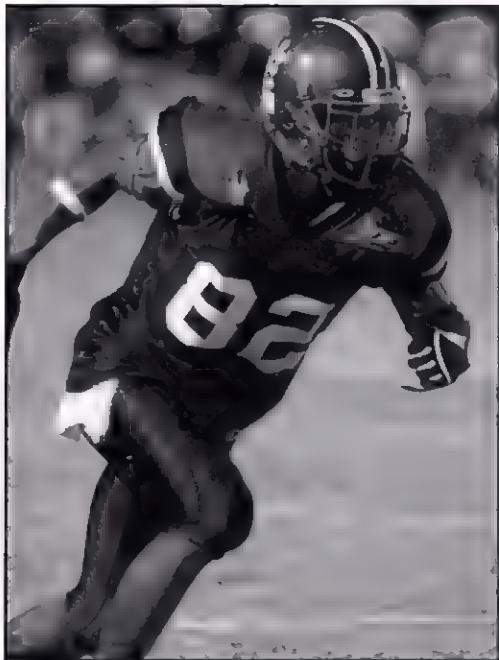
NFL football is known as a field-position game. Can the defense come together and give Leinart and that evolving Arizona offense a short field to the red zone?

How about a few smiles for those Big Red boosters leaving that beautiful stadium this year?

2007 Schedule

Sept. 10.....at San Francisco 49ers
Sept. 16.....Seattle Seahawks
Sept. 23.....at Baltimore Ravens
Sept. 30.....Pittsburgh Steelers
Oct. 7.....at St. Louis Rams
Oct. 14.....Carolina Panthers
Oct. 21.....at Washington Redskins
Oct. 28.....BYE
Nov. 4....at Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Nov. 11.....Detroit Lions
Nov. 18.....at Cincinnati Bengals
Nov. 25.....San Francisco 49ers
Dec. 2.....Cleveland Browns
Dec. 9.....at Seattle Seahawks
Dec. 16.....at New Orleans Saints
Dec. 23.....Atlanta Falcons
Dec. 30.....St. Louis Rams

2006 All-Arizona Honorees



Chandler's Dion Jordan was one of five juniors to make our All-Arizona team in 2006 (Paynter Pics).

OFFENSIVE TEAM

QB	Phillip Aholt, Cactus Shadows, 6-4, 210, Sr.
QB	Riley Nielsen, Mesa Mountain View, 6-1, 220, Sr.
RB	Prince Amukamara, Apollo, 6-1, 185, Sr.
RB	Covaughn Deboskie, Hamilton, 5-11, 180, Jr.
RB	Ray Polk, Brophy Prep, 6-1, 190, Jr.
WR	T.R. Simpson, Peoria, 6-2, 175, Sr.
WR	Kerry Taylor, Hamilton, 6-1, 180, Sr.
WR	Kyle Watkins, Cactus Shadows, 6-4, 215, Sr.
TE	Dion Jordan, Chandler, 6-6, 215, Jr.
OL	Blake Behrens, Brophy Prep, 6-4, 280, Sr.
OL	Javario Burkes, Moon Valley, 6-5, 325, Sr.
OL	Marcel Jones, Trevor Browne, 6-8, 310, Sr.
OL	Kris O'Dowd, Salpointe Catholic, 6-4, 300, Sr.
OL	Zach Schlink, Centennial, 6-5, 280, Jr.
K	Alex Zendejas, Ironwood, 6-0, 170, Sr.

DEFENSIVE TEAM

DL	James Brooks, Flagstaff, 6-6, 260, Sr.
DL	Everson Griffen, Agua Fria, 6-4, 253, Sr.
DL	Cameron Jordan, Chandler, 6-4, 255, Sr.
DL	Ridge Nielsen, Mesa Mountain View, 6-1, 230, Sr.
DL	Tom Ramsey, Centennial, 5-11, 268, Sr.
LB	Jeff Alder, Wickenburg, 5-11, 175, Sr.
LB	Kyle Flannery, Basha, 5-10, 185, Sr.
LB	Zach Holmes, Sunnyside, 5-10, 195, Sr.
DB	Jeffrey Hughes, Centennial, 5-11, 193, Jr.
DB	Glenn Love, Hamilton, 6-4, 205, Sr.
DB	Max Tabach, Saguaro, 6-2, 170, Sr.
DB	Jesse Wheeler, Coolidge, 5-10, 165, Sr.
DB	T.J. White, Coolidge, 5-10, 175, Sr.
P	Jimmy Klingensmith, Marcos de Niza, 6-2, 200, Sr.
KR	Warren Johnson, Centennial, 5-9, 145, Sr.



Agua Fria's Everson Griffen was an outstanding two-way performer for the Owls. He's arguably the most recruited player in our state's history (Paynter Pics).

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9/7	Agua Fria
9/14	@ Cholla
9/20	@ Cactus
9/27	Mingus
10/5	@ Independence
10/12	Thunderbird
10/19	@ Sunnyslope
10/26	@ Prescott
11/2	Apollo

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2003 John Kadous, Salpointe Catholic (OL)
2002 Kyle Caldwell, Scottsdale Saguaro (DL)
2001 Loren Howard, Scottsdale Saguaro (DL)
2000 Richie Incognito, Mountain Ridge (OT)
1999 Josh Kirkwood, Maryvale (DL)
1998 Brandon Phillips, Corona del Sol (OT)
1997 Mike Saffer, Sabino (OT)
1996 Ralph Zarate, Tucson (OT)
TIE..... Brian Kula, Brophy Prep (DL)
1995 Chris Watkins, Highland (DL)
1994 Matt Griffith, Mesa (NG)
1993 Todd Thompson, Tucson Sahuarita (DL)
1992 John Tait, McClintock (OT)
1991 Willie Walker, Desert View (DL)
1990 Grady Stretz, McClintock (DL)
1989 Mike Ciasca, Tucson Sahuarita (OT)
1988 Eric Ipock, Peoria (OT)
1987 Richard Griffith, Catalina (DL)
1988 Tim Landers, Round Valley (OT)
1986 Gary Pay, Apollo (T)
1984 Vincent Byrd, Santa Cruz (DT)
1983 Steve Spurling, Horizon (C)
1982 Richard Bear, Moon Valley (DT)
1981 Frank Rudolph, Coronado (DL)
1980 Tom Briehl, Gerard (T)
1979 Dave Wood, Washington (DL)
1978 Doug Kellermeyer, Coronado (DL)
1977 Marty Van Gorder, Chandler (C)
1976 Jack Housey, Maryvale (DL)
1975 Phil Hedrick, Maryvale (T)
1974 Jimmy Moore, Marcos de Niza (DL)
1973 Jon Abbott, Central (T)
1972 Keith Sohraske, Coronado (T)
1971 Mike Dawson, Tucson (T)
1970 Glen Gresham, Phoenix Union (OT)
1969 Roger Kronberg, Tempe (OT)
1968 Fernie Mendoza, Salpointe Catholic (T)
1967 Ken Hatcher, Mesa (C)
1966 Bill Dawson, Tucson (T)
1965 Bill Dawson, Tucson (T) jr.
1964 Richard Griffin, Westwood (OT)
1963 Curley Culp, Yuma (NG)
1962 Gary Swift, Arcadia (T)
TIE..... Bob Bertelsen, Arcadia (T)
1961 Allen Thorn, St. Mary's (C)
1960 Ted Lawrence, South Mountain (G)
1959 Dennis Couse, Tucson (T)



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